

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEXINGTON

FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.



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LEXINGTON.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1889-90.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS, AND
BOARD OF HEALTH.

WEBSTER SMITH. CHARLES T. WEST. RUFUS W. HOLBROOK.

TOWN CLERK.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

EDWIN S. SPAULDING.

ASSESSORS.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS. WALTER WELLINGTON.
HORACE B. DAVIS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

BENJAMIN F. BROWN Term expires 1892.
Dr. ROBERT M. LAWRENCE Term expires 1891.
EDWARD P. BLISS Term expires 1890.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL Term expires 1892.
GEORGE H. JACKSON Term expires 1891.
TIMOTHY H. BOWEN Term expires 1890.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIAM B. FOSTER. ABBOTT S. MITCHELL.

AUDITORS.

HILMAN B. SAMPSON. GERSHOM SWAN.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARY LIBRARY

consists of the Selectmen, School Committee, and settled Clergymen of the town.

TRUSTEES OF GAMMELL LEGACY.

Mrs. LUCY M. R. WHITING. Miss LUCY N. BLODGETT.

TRUSTEES OF BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.

GEORGE E. MUZZEY, *Treasurer* Term expires 1895.
GEORGE O. DAVIS Term expires 1893.
ALBERT W. BRYANT Term expires 1891.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIREWARDS.

WILLIAM B. FOSTER. WILLARD WALCOTT.
EDWIN J. B. NOURSE.

TREASURER CARY LIBRARY FUND.

EDWARD P. BLISS.

TREASURER CEMETERY FUND.

GEORGE H. JACKSON.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

BRADLEY C. WHITCHER. Term expires May, 1892.
GEORGE O. SMITH Term expires May, 1891.
GEORGE W. SAMPSON Term expires May, 1890.
LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Clerk*.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JAMES S. MUNROE. ABRAM C. WASHBURN. ABRAM B. SMITH.

FIELD DRIVERS.

JOHN H. WILLARD. ARTHUR H. JEWETT. JAMES F. RUSSELL.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

GEORGE E. MUZZEY. ABBOTT S. MITCHELL.

LIBRARIAN OF CARY LIBRARY.

Miss FLORENCE E. WHITCHER.
Miss ELMINA MUNROE, *Assistant Librarian*.

LIBRARIAN OF EAST LEXINGTON BRANCH OF CARY LIBRARY.

Miss NELLIE HOLBROOK.

SEXTON.

CHARLES T. WEST.

SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN SCALES AND PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE. RUFUS W. HOLBROOK.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

EVERETT S. LOCKE.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING.

GEORGE H. THURSTON.

JANITOR OF VILLAGE HALL BUILDING.

WALTER WELLINGTON.

POLICE OFFICERS.

CHARLES H. FRANKS. WILLIAM B. FOSTER.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (WITHOUT PAY).

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL. GEORGE H. THURSTON.
WALTER WELLINGTON.

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON AT ALMSHOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT H. WHITE.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE. FRANK V. BUTTERS.
HORACE B. DAVIS. AUGUSTUS CHILDS.

LEXINGTON TOWN RECORDS.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

MONDAY, March 4, 1889.

To ABBOTT S. MITCHELL, *Constable of Lexington*, GREET-
ING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1889, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose town officers for the ensuing year, including one member of the School Committee for the term of three years.

ART. 4. To choose one member of the Cemetery Committee for the term of three years.

ART. 5. To provide for the support of the poor the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 6. To provide for the support of the highways the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 7. To provide for the support of the public schools the ensuing year, including their several grades, and grant money for the same.

ART. 8. To provide for the support of the Fire Department the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 9. To provide for the support of the street lamps the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote for or against granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The vote on the above question shall be by ballot, "Yes" or "No," and the check-list and registering ballot-box shall be used, as provided by law.

ART. 12. To see if the town will make the appropriations for town expenses the ensuing year as submitted by the Selectmen, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 13. To see what measures the town will adopt in relation to the collection of taxes the ensuing year, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money for any necessary purpose in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the town will make an appropriation of \$200 for the proper observance of April 19, 1889, to be expended under the direction of a committee of the Lexington Historical Society.

ART. 16. To see if the town will make an appropriation to construct sidewalks with concrete or other material, where the abutters will pay one half the expense thereof.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to draw from any unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of contingent expenses.

ART. 18. To see if the town will make an appropriation towards sprinkling the streets of the two villages during the coming season.

ART. 19. To see if the town will provide a reading-room for the East Lexington Branch of the Cary Library.

ART. 20. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$250 for instruction in sewing in the schools.

ART. 21. To see if the town will appoint a committee to report at the April meeting concerning a new schoolhouse for Hancock School, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the payment of land damages, as awarded by the County Commissioners, on account of improvements on Main Street.

ART. 23. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the act of incorporation of Cary Library so that the town shall have a representation on its Board of Trustees.

ART. 24. To see if the town will accept the ten feet on the southeast side of Mount Vernon Street, as given by Levi Prossor, making the street fifty feet wide, instead of forty feet.

ART. 25. To see if the town will pay for placing a water-closet in the Masonic apartment of the Town Hall, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$200 for care and improvement of the cemetery, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 27. To see if the town will remit the amount due for rent from the Lexington Savings Bank, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Action on the various articles in the foregoing warrant was taken, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, That the polls remain open until 9.20 for choice of moderator.

On ballot with the check-list, Robert P. Clapp was unanimously chosen moderator, and was sworn by the clerk.

The moderator subsequently appointed as tellers H. A. C. Woodward, L. E. Bennink, F. E. Ballard, and Abram B. Smith, to assist in receiving and counting the ballots, and they were also sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. The Committee on Water Supply made a partial report (see Reports of Committee, page 274), and asked for further time to examine the subject, which was granted by the town till next year.

Dr. J. O. Tilton, for the Committee on Drainage, made a report (Reports of Committee, page 276).

Voted, That the report be accepted, and its recommendations be adopted, and that a sum not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars be appropriated to carry out the provisions of the report in relation to a survey of the town, and also to further consider the matter of providing a cart to carry off the contents of vaults and cesspools, and report thereon later, and that the same committee be continued in charge of the matters contained in the report.

ARTS. 3 and 4. *Voted*, That these articles be taken up together, and that we proceed to elect on one ballot, three Selectmen, who shall also be Surveyors of Highways, Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health, a Town Clerk, three Assessors, one member of the School Committee for the term of three years, one member of the Cemetery Committee for the term of three years, two Constables, two Auditors, one Treasurer, who shall also be Collector of Taxes, and that the polls be kept open until half past five o'clock P. M.

After the close of the polls, the tellers tabulated the result of the balloting, and the moderator announced the state of the ballot, as follows: —

FOR SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS,
AND BOARD OF HEALTH.

William B. Foster	1
Bradley C. Whitcher	183
George O. Whiting	194
Albert W. Bryant	201
Rufus W. Holbrook	245
Charles T. West	256
Webster Smith	262

And Webster Smith, Charles T. West, and Rufus W. Holbrook were declared elected as Selectmen for the ensuing year.

TOWN CLERK.

Leonard A. Saville	450
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And Leonard A. Saville was declared elected as Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

FOR TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Leonard A. Saville	1
Edwin S. Spaulding	448

And Edwin S. Spaulding was declared elected as Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

Albert W. Bryant	220
Benjamin F. Brown	266

And Benjamin F. Brown was declared elected as School Committee man for the term of three years.

FOR ASSESSORS.

Charles G. Fletcher	1
Nelson W. Jenney	183
Walter Wellington	268
Joseph F. Simonds	436
Horace B. Davis	442

And Horace B. Davis, Joseph F. Simonds, and Walter Wellington were declared elected as Assessors for the ensuing year.

FOR CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

George Jackson	1
Henry R. Bishop	1
Henry Bowen	2
Henry E. Bishop	5
Charles T. West	5
John P. Dinan	8
Wm. B. Foster	88
Abbott S. Mitchell	339

And Abbott S. Mitchell was declared elected as Cemetery Committee man for the term of three years.

FOR CONSTABLES.

Benjamin Gleason	1
Edwin J. B. Nourse	2
John P. Dinan	2
Henry E. Bishop	4
Patrick Dacey	207
Abbott S. Mitchell	218
Wm. B. Foster	271

And Wm. B. Foster and Abbott S. Mitchell were declared elected as Constables for the ensuing year.

FOR AUDITORS.

A. M. Tucker	1
Gershom Swan	448
Hilman B. Sampson	451

And Hilman B. Sampson and Gershom Swan were declared elected as Auditors for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. *Voted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the poor the ensuing year.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the highways for the ensuing year, and that thirty-five hundred dollars be taken from money in the treasury, and that four thousand dollars be assessed the present year.

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the public schools the ensuing year, and that fifteen hundred dollars be taken from any unexpended money in the treasury, and that ten thousand dollars be assessed the present year.

ART. 8. *Voted*, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the support of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the members of the Fire Department be increased from forty to fifty, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay for services of such additional members.

ART. 9. *Voted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for support of the street lamps for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. The list of jurors presented by the Selectmen was amended by striking from the list the names of Walter Blodgett and George G. Fuller, they having been drawn since the list was posted; and

Voted, That Francis E. Ballard, John T. Demar, Herbert G. Locke, and Cornelius Wellington be excused from serving, at their own request.

Voted, That the jury list as amended be accepted by the town.

ART. 11. *Voted*, That Article 11 be taken up in connection with Articles 3 and 4, so that ballots can be cast on this question at the same time as for town officers.

At the close of the polls the ballot-box register stood at 349. On counting the ballots, 345 were found to have been cast on the license question, as follows:—

Yes	115
No	230

and was so announced by the moderator. (Several ballots that should have been put in other ballot-boxes were deposited in the registering ballot-box by mistake.)

ART. 12. The Selectmen submitted a list of amounts required to defray town expenses for the ensuing year, and it was

Voted, That the list be acted on item by item, which was done, and the amounts appropriated were as follows:—

Town Debt	\$2,600
Constables and Police	2,000
Salaries of Selectmen	800
Salaries of Assessors	425
Salary of Town Clerk	200
Salaries of Auditors	45
Salaries of School Committee	300
Salaries of Treasurer and Collector	500
Salary of Treasurer of Cary Library	50
Salary of Superintendent of Schools	350
Salaries of Janitors of Town and Village Halls	500
Fuel and Lights of Town and Village Halls	500
Ringling Bells	70

Printing	\$ 250
Hydrants	1,640
Interest	1,500
Librarian of Cary Library and East Lexington Reading-Room	820
Registrars of Voters	150
Memorial Day	125
Abatement of Taxes	500
Discount on Taxes	400
Care of Common (same committee as last year)	200
(See Arts. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, and 26.)	

ART. 13. *Voted*, That all taxes for the current year be made payable on or before Dec. 1, 1889, and that a discount of one half of one per cent per month for all full months prior to said date be deducted for prompt payment, and that all taxes remaining unpaid at that date be subject to interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and that the collector be instructed to collect all taxes before May 1, 1890.

ART. 14. *Voted*, That the town authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money for any necessary purpose, in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

ART. 15. *Voted*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated from money in the treasury, and that the money be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Lexington Historical Society.

ART. 16. *Voted*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to build sidewalks with concrete or other material, where the abutters will pay one half the expense thereof.

ART. 17. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to draw from any unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of contingent expenses.

ART. 18. *Voted*, That the town appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards the expense of sprinkling the main street in the two villages, provided a sum not less than two hundred dollars for that purpose be raised from other sources, and that the sum contributed by the town shall not exceed one third of the entire expense, to be expended by a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair. And the Chair appointed as such committee, Dr. J. O. Tilton, Nelson W. Jenney, and H. E. Richardson.

ART. 19. *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate, and report at next meeting, if a suitable room can be obtained for the purpose, and the following committee was appointed: C. G. Kauffmann, Geo. O. Smith, Miss Ellen A. Stone.

ART. 20. *Voted*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for instruction in sewing in the public schools.

ART. 21. *Voted*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the subject of a new schoolhouse for the Hancock School, and report at the April meeting, and the chairman appointed as such committee, F. O. Vaille, Webster Smith, E. I. Garfield, Francis E. Ballard, and Edward T. Harrington.

ART. 22. *Voted*, That a sum not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose

of paying land damages on Main Street, as awarded by the County Commissioners.

ART. 23. Considerable discussion was had upon this article by Messrs. Bennink, Scott, Holt, Parker, Alderman, Raymond, and Thompson, and it was voted to take the article up with Articles 3, 4, and 11, on a motion made by Mr. F. F. Raymond.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to petition the Legislature to amend the act of incorporation of Cary Library so that the town shall be represented on its Board of Trustees, that the vote be taken by the check-list, on a separate ballot, and that the polls be kept open till half past five o'clock P.M., by voting "yes" or "no" on the question. After the polls had been declared closed and the votes counted, the moderator announced, as follows:—

Yes	239
No	190

And the Selectmen were so instructed.

ART. 24. *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed by the moderator to examine the subject and report thereon at the next meeting, — Franklin Alderman, Albert S. Parsons, Frank E. Tufts.

ART. 25. *Voted*, That the sum of ninety dollars be appropriated for the purpose, to be expended by the Selectmen.

ART. 26. *Voted*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose, to be expended by the Cemetery Committee.

ART. 27. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed. Under Article 3, the following officers were chosen by nomination:—

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

James S. Munroe, Abram C. Washburn, Abram B. Smith.

FOR FIELD DRIVERS.

John H. Willard, Arthur J. Jewett, James F. Russell.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

George E. Muzzey, A. S. Mitchell.

Voted, That the remaining minor officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

After announcing the result of the balloting as recorded, and swearing such of the newly elected officers as were present, sealing the ballots and check-list used, the moderator declared the meeting dissolved.

A true record.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

SATURDAY, Aug. 10, 1889, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the committee, appointed March 4, 1889, to consider the subject of a new schoolhouse for the Hancock School, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the extension of Merriam Street, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To hear the report of any other committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to move the buildings of Geo. O. Smith,

and to adapt his estate to the relocating of Main Street against his estate, or to effect a settlement with him for his damages, or otherwise act thereon.

Action was taken on the articles of the foregoing warrant, as follows:—

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, To choose a moderator by nomination, and Robert P. Clapp was nominated and chosen, and sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. The committee on new schoolhouse for the Hancock School, submitted a report (see Report of Committees, page 284), and on motion of Charles M. Parker, it was

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted.

The moderator called Geo. W. Sampson to the chair and took the floor, and offered the following motions:—

First. That the town proceed at once to build upon a suitable site, selected by the committee having the matter in charge, but distant not more than one fourth of a mile in a straight line from the Town Hall, a new schoolhouse, to be used instead of that now occupied by the Hancock School, and having such arrangements and accommodations suited to the needs of that and other schools as said committee, in consultation with the School Committee, shall approve; provided, however, that the total cost to the town of the new building, when completed and fitted with plumbing and heating apparatus, and all other furnishings, ready for occupancy, together with the land purchased for the new or enlarged site, shall not exceed the sum of \$30,000.

Second. That a sum not to exceed said amount be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the foregoing object, the same to be borrowed at an average rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum on the note or notes of the town, which shall mature within a period of ten years.

Third. That the present committee on the proposed new schoolhouse, consisting of Webster Smith, F. O. Vaille, F. E. Ballard, E. I. Garfield, and Edward T. Harrington, be, and they are hereby authorized in behalf of the town to make all necessary arrangements, and take all action required, in order to carry out effectually the foregoing vote, and for that purpose they are hereby constituted a Building Committee, and vested with full power and authority to make contracts in behalf of the town.

Fourth. That the Town Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with said committee, to negotiate and receive in behalf of the town a loan as soon as needed, in conformity with the foregoing provisions, to give the note or notes of the town for the money, and to pay the same over to the order of said Building Committee on bills approved by them.

Mr. Clapp moved the adoption of the foregoing motion, which was opposed by Mr. Scott, and considerable discussion was had by several gentlemen, and on putting the motion to vote it was declared not carried; and after some discussion it was

Voted, That the report be recommitted to the committee for more particular investigation as to site, style of building, cost, reasons for building a

new house, method of raising funds, etc., and to report in print.

Voted, That an architect be employed by the committee, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, and that his report be printed with the report of the committee. Messrs. Webster Smith, E. I. Garfield, F. E. Ballard, and Edward T. Harrington declined to serve longer on the committee, and their places were filled by the choice of A. E. Scott, J. O. Tilton, A. M. Tucker, and Charles A. Wellington.

Voted, To add two additional members to the committee.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to retire, and present the names of two additional members, and the Chair appointed A. E. Scott, J. F. Hutchinson, and Geo. E. Muzzey, who reported the names of Rev. C. A. Staples and Rev. E. G. Porter, who were chosen by the town, and the committee now comprises the following named gentlemen: F. O. Vaille, E. G. Porter, C. A. Staples, A. E. Scott, J. O. Tilton, A. M. Tucker, and Charles A. Wellington.

ART. 3. The Selectmen submitted a report (see Reports of Committees, page 285), and it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and its recommendations be adopted, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be taken from any unappropriated money in the treasury to carry out the recommendations of the Selectmen.

ART. 4. The Committee, appointed March 4, on widening Mount Vernon Street made a report (see Reports of Committees, page 286), and the town

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted.

ART. 5. Mr. Geo. O. Smith presented his case to the meeting, claiming that the award of the Commissioners was not satisfactory to him. The matter was discussed, and the ground was taken that Mr. Smith must look to the County Commissioners or an appeal to the courts for additional compensation; and it was

Voted, That the matter be indefinitely postponed. Meeting declared dissolved.

A true record.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND BOARD OF HEALTH.

Another financial year of the town having closed, it devolves upon the officers having charge of the various departments of town affairs to submit a report of their doings, for the information of the taxpayers and others interested. While the year just closed has been in no way remarkable for any special events in town matters, it seems to have been a year in which a fair amount of general improvements has been made, and at its close we believe all departments of town affairs to be in a sound, healthy, and prosperous condition, and we see no reason why they should not continue so.

The reports of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector will show a considerable balance beyond the amount necessary to pay all town expenses until the annual meeting in March, a large part of which can, if desired, be applied to the expenses of the ensuing year.

The town buildings are generally in good condition, and no special outlay will be required for the coming year, unless it should be decided to paint the outside wood-work of the Town Hall, which ought to be done for the preservation of the building.

It was necessary the past summer, by order of the

State Inspector of Buildings, to have stairs constructed leading from the dining-hall in the upper story of the Town House to the balcony in the rear of the main hall in the second story, in order to secure a rear as well as front exit from all parts of the building in case of fire; also to have a door cut through from the rooms occupied by the Masonic Lodge and connecting with the dining-hall, for the same purpose.

The school buildings being more directly in the care of the School Committee, they will without doubt make such recommendations as to repairs or alterations as they may consider the interests of the town require.

The laws of the State are properly quite strict in regard to the maintenance of guideboards at all intersections of streets, but it is a constant care to those upon whom the duty devolves, and a source of considerable expense to the town, as they are almost constantly being defaced, mutilated, or destroyed by persons mischievously or maliciously inclined, as well as from natural decay. We believe it would be a good plan for the town to offer a standing reward of a small sum for the arrest and conviction of any person who shall wilfully deface or destroy any guideboard or street sign in town, or break the glass in any of the street lamps.

There has been, as in former years, more or less complaint because the street lamps have not been lighted on some nights when it seemed they should have been. No doubt there are some evenings when the lamps are not lighted that they are really more

needed than on other evenings when they are lighted, but when it is remembered that provision is made for lighting only a limited number of nights in each month, it becomes rather a difficult matter to always get it done at just the proper times. There has been quite a large addition to the number of street lamps the past season, an increase of between forty and fifty, which will naturally call for an increase in the appropriation for their maintenance. In comparing the expense of this, as well as other departments, for the past year with that of the previous year, it must be borne in mind that the report for 1888 covered only eleven months, while this report is for the full calendar year of 1889.

The Selectmen in their capacity as Board of Health have been called upon several times during the year to abate nuisances, in most cases caused by privies or cesspools, and in all cases the owners of the premises complained of have readily complied with the requirements of the Board, and remedied (for the time at least) the evil complained of. The existence of so many cesspools, containing, as they do, all the house drainage, in the most thickly settled portions of the town, is (especially since the introduction of water) a source of danger and a menace to the public health, which must at an early day be remedied, if we would maintain the reputation of being one of the most healthful towns in the State.

There has been less than the usual number of cases of contagious diseases reported to the Board during the year, and these have mostly been of a mild type; and no fatalities have resulted.

The almshouse has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. White, as superintendent and matron, and we are glad to be able to fully confirm and repeat all previous good reports of their care and good management in that capacity. The present number of inmates is seven, all of whom are persons well advanced in years, although, with the exception of two, they are generally able to care for themselves, and some are able to do light work about the place.

There have been no deaths among the inmates during the year and no sickness of a serious nature. The number of weeks' board furnished at the almshouse, including the superintendent's family, is 532, at a cost per week of \$2.66 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The farm connected with the almshouse we believe will, in proportion to its size, compare favorably with any in town in the way of productiveness. The policy of employing the town horses at certain seasons of the year, when they would otherwise be idle, in teaming manure on to the place, has been continued, and we believe it to be a good one.

There is need of more barn room at the farm, as the present accommodations are not sufficient to properly protect the crop of hay which is cut on the place. The past season about forty dollars' worth was sold in the field on account of lack of room to house it, and then a large stack of the second crop had to be left out, and sold at a less price than could have been obtained for it had it been properly protected from the weather.

We would respectfully recommend that a committee be appointed by the town to examine into the

necessity of increasing the barn and shed accommodations at the poor farm, and report at the next town meeting.

The property belonging to the Pauper Department is in good condition and bears evidence of careful usage and good care.

There has been added to the farm equipment the past season a new wheel-harrow, costing twenty-eight dollars, and a new manure wagon, the old one having become so much out of repair as to be unsafe to use, and so old that it was not thought to be good economy to try to repair it. The expense of the new wagon was one hundred and eighty dollars, and was paid for from the regular appropriation for the support of the poor, — an unusual expense, — which increases the pauper account to that extent. Annexed will be found a schedule of the property belonging to this department.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Contents of Wash-room	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$25 00
" Pantry and Closet	28 00
" Room No. 1	75 00
" " 2	85 00
" " 3	12 00
" " 4	10 00
" " 5	20 00
" " 6	30 00
" " 7	20 00
" " 8	20 00
" " 9	15 00
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Amount carried forward	\$340 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$340 00
Contents of Room No. 10	15 00
“ “ 11	12 00
“ “ 12	10 00
“ “ 13	12 00
“ “ 14	15 00
“ “ 15	8 00
“ “ 16	17 00
“ “ 17	20 00
“ “ 20	15 00
“ Front Hall	6 00
“ Lock-up	12 00
40 bushels potatoes, \$30; lot roots, \$25	55 00
Cider, \$8.00; 7 cider barrels, \$3.50; lot empty barrels, \$9.00	19 50
6 oil barrels, \$9.00; pork, \$40; 15 gallons of molasses, \$7.50	56 50
Squash, \$1.00; vinegar, \$5.00; lot of jars and preserves, etc. \$16	22 00
2 pork barrels, \$2.00; lot of butter, \$10	12 00
4 cords wood, \$28; 6 tons stove coal, \$38.40	66 40
4 tons egg coal, 24.60; 1 manure wagon, \$15.00	39 60
1 new manure wagon, \$180; 1 hay wagon, \$35	215 00
Wheelbarrow, \$3.00; harrow, \$28; 8 stake chains, \$2.50	33 50
Wheeljack, eveners, whiffletree, and stone drag	7 00
Carryall, \$25; sled, \$50; pung, \$6.00; express wagon, \$60	141 00
Horse-rake, \$10; iron bars, hooks, and shovel, \$10	20 00
Lot of boards, \$2.00; 5 tons rowen, \$80; 16 tons hay, \$320	402 00
Hay rakes, forks, and ladders, \$6.50; lot of grain, \$6.00	12 50
Set of measures, 5 wrenches, and hammers, \$3.00; 5 augers, \$2.50	5 50
Grain chests, \$5.00; cattle ties, \$1.00; blankets, halters, and surcingles, \$2.50	8 50
Binding ropes, \$1.75; double harness and chains, \$20	21 75
Express harness, \$30; light harness and buffalo robe, \$16,	46 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,565 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,565 75
Set double reins, \$4.00; cart harness, collar, bridle, and hames, \$20	24 00
2 cows, \$80; 1 horse, \$150; 2 hogs, \$32; 126 fowls, \$94.50	356 50
16 cords manure, \$112; 2 barrels of cabbages, \$2.00; 1 cultivator, \$3.00	117 00
2 ploughs, \$8.00; scythes and snaths, \$4.00; mowing machine, \$30	42 00
Bench and vise, \$7.00; grindstone, \$6.00; harrow, \$3.00; hoes and rakes, \$2.00	18 00
20 bushels of corn on the ear	10 00
1 cart, \$20; blankets, surcingle, and halter, \$5.00	25 00
Total	\$2,258 25

The accompanying report of the police will show what has been accomplished by that department.

Two regular officers have been employed, with special officers at such times as their services seemed necessary, and we are satisfied that their duties have been performed in a faithful and efficient manner.

POLICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present the annual report of the police for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889.

Whole number of arrests 43
All being males and adults.

CAUSES OF ARRESTS.	
Drunkenness	24
Common drunkard	1
Assault and battery	2
Assault with pistol	1
Breaking and entering	1
Gaming on Lord's Day	3

Defrauding stable-keeper	1
Larceny	3
Violation of liquor law	1
Embezzlement	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Bastardy	1
Turned over to other officers	1
Violation town by-laws	1
Total	43
Discharged by court	3
Violation of liquor law	1
Assault and battery	1
Drunkenness	1
Total amount of fines and costs imposed by court	\$156.64
Amount of imprisonment	7 yrs. 9 ms.
Warrants to search for liquors served	3
Amount of liquor seized and condemned, gallons	15
Number of tramps given lodging (112 being of foreign parentage)	208
Number dogs killed	9
Cases investigated not prosecuted	25
Injured persons assisted	2
Stray teams cared for	2
Persons killed by accident	1
Medical examiner called.	

EXTRA DUTIES,

so called in large towns and cities, have been many during the summer months. As we have been called from all parts of the town, and work that kept us on duty much of the daytime, and then had our tour of duty to do nights, but wishing to render the public all the assistance we can, we will regard it as a favor if they will report all police business of importance to us as as soon as possible.

LIQUOR LAW.

The enforcement of this law meets with difficulties such as never appear in any other criminal cases. Officers are often satisfied that illegal sales of liquor have been made, but that would not satisfy a court or jury, and, where small quantities are kept for sale, it seems impossible to get a conviction without the evidence of a sale, which is very difficult to obtain.

Sept. 7 the police caused a general alarm of fire to be sounded, and people turned out *en masse*, the Fire Department especially, to search for Mr. Austin, an aged man living in East Lexington, who, being in feeble health, had wandered away from home and became lost in the woods. After twenty-four hours' diligent searching, he was found in a ditch where he had fallen, and was restored to his family. He was found by two boys not of the searching party. The people and firemen gave the police all the help possible, many of them never stopping to rest for the twenty-four hours, and most of the time the searching party numbered two hundred.

A POLICE STATION.

A room to be used as an office that can be open to the public at all times could for a very small sum of money be had in the basement of Town Hall. We need also a litter for moving sick or wounded persons; a telephone is also necessary, as the police of other cities and towns often wish to communicate with us. At present we are indebted to Mr. Walcott for the use of his.

CHAS. H. FRANKS,
Police Officer.

At the annual town meeting, held March 4, 1889, a vote was passed instructing the Selectmen to petition the Legislature for an amendment to the act of incorporation of the Cary Library whereby the town should have a voice in its management.

Agreeable to the above vote, the Legislature was petitioned, and a hearing extending through three days was accorded to said petition (able counsel being employed to represent your interests), with results adverse to your petitioners, and for reasons apparent only to the Third House and an appreciative Legislature.

HIGHWAYS.

The town, at the annual town meeting (acting under the advice of the Surveyors of Highways), made the appropriation for highways to cover general repairs and the carrying into effect the order of the County Commissioners for the widening and straightening of Main Street from the Common to Arlington line.

From the construction and extent of our highways no inconsiderable sum of money is needed each year to keep them in passable repair.

It is the right of every individual, wherever located, to demand that the roads shall be safe and comfortable; and the constantly increasing travel on our back roads in the summer season renders it still more imperative that all of our roads shall be passable as soon as practicable after the opening of spring. To this end the energy of the department was directed, until every street in town was safe and comfortable for travel.

This accomplished, such other thorough repairs and improvements were made as would best subserve the public; some in connection with and others independent of the order of the County Commissioners, which, we are happy to say, is so far advanced toward completion that a further expenditure of five hundred dollars will complete it to their acceptance, adding much to the general appearance and convenience of Main Street.

We would recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for highways the ensuing year; the sum to be expended in general repairs and the completion of the order of the Commissioners.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

1 wagon, \$15; 1 sidehill plough, \$3; dynamite, \$6	\$24 00
2 carts, \$90; 1 double cart, \$60	150 00
4 collars, 2 set chain harnesses and express harnesses	80 00
3 back saddles and 2 set harnesses	45 00
Blankets, halters, and surcingles	24 00
Drag, evener, and whiffletree, \$7; 14 bushels oats, \$5.60,	12 60
5 bags provender, \$4.50; 4 horses, \$8	804 50
Tool chest, drills, and hammers	12 00
3 snow-ploughs, \$45; chains, \$5; road plough, \$25	75 00
Road machine, \$140; bush scythe, \$1	141 00
Shovels, hoes, rakes, etc.	42 00
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	\$1,410 10

WEBSTER SMITH,
CHARLES T. WEST,
RUFUS W. HOLBROOK,

*Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Highway Surveyors,
and Board of Health.*

LEXINGTON, Dec. 31, 1889.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

TAXES, 1887.

Amount uncollected, Jan. 1, 1889		\$252 13
" collected	\$250 13	
" abated	2 00	
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	\$252 13	\$252 13

TAXES, 1888.

Amount uncollected, Jan. 1, 1889		\$8,640 35
" collected	\$8,129 57	
" abated	144 84	
" uncollected	365 94	
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	\$8,640 35	\$8,640 35

TAXES, 1889.

Tax list		\$42,277 76
Supplementary list		189 28
Amount collected	\$32,100 00	
" allowed for discount	494 79	
" abated	69 06	
" uncollected	9,803 19	
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	\$42,467 04	\$42,467 04

E. S. SPAULDING, *Tax Collector.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 1, 1890.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1889	\$379 33
Schools	421 87
Contingent	5,107 95
Pauper	777 42
Court Fees	24 00
Outside Poor	36 88
Street Lights	2 10
State Aid	306 00
Gammell Legacy	35 00
Telephone	51 68
Cemetery Trust Funds	200 00
Cemetery	190 00
Dog Money	594 46
Interest	206 33
Taxes, 1887	250 13
" 1888	8,129 57
" 1889	32,100 00
Concrete Walks	73 35
Temporary Loans	14,000 00
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Total	\$62,886 07

EXPENDITURES.

Schools	\$11,221 31
Highways	7,715 00
Contingent	1,174 73
Pauper	2,194 52
Constable and Police	1,848 50
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Amount carried forward \$24,514 06

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$48,154 06
Street Lights	1,830 00
Outside Poor	740 24
Fire Department	778 75
State Aid	297 00
County Commissioners' Awards	2,635 00
Printing	244 30
Printing By-Laws	68 75
Gammell Legacy	38 77
Telephone	155 00
Cemetery	166 02
Superintendent of Schools	350 00
Sewerage	488 30
Dog Money	594 46
Auditors	45 00
Librarians	781 75
Cemetery Improvement	204 11
Water Supply	63 77
Janitors	500 00
Industrial Teaching	435 32
Registrars of Voters	179 15
Town House Improvement	90 00
Interest	1,835 42
Ringin Bells	70 00
Fuel and Lights, Town and Village Halls	515 61
Hydrants	1,622 50
Nineteenth of April Celebration	200 00
Temporary Loans	11,000 00
Memorial Day	121 20
School Committee	250 00
Treasurer Cary Library	50 00
Selectment	800 00
Assessors	426 50
Care Common	200 00
Treasurer and Collector	500 00
County Tax	2,527 33
State Tax	3,260 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$48,218 31

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$48,218 31
Watering Streets	100 00
Town Debt	2,600 00
Town Clerk	183 32
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1890	1,784 44
Total	\$62,886 07

E. S. SPAULDING, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 1, 1890.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

JAN. 1, 1890.

DATE.	TO WHOM.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	INTEREST.
Sept. 1, 1885,	State Treasurer,	Dec. 1, 1890,	\$2,600	4 pr. ct.
"	"	" 1891,	2,600	"
"	"	" 1892,	2,600	"
"	"	" 1893,	2,600	"
"	"	" 1894,	2,600	"
"	"	" 1895,	2,600	"
1887.				
Feb. 28,	Treas'r Cary Library,	Feb. 28, 1892,	5,000	6 "
1883.				
Mar. 31,	Treas'r Cary Library,	Mar. 31, 1893,	6,000	"
1881.				
Apr. 8,	Treas'r Bridge Fund,	Demand,	2,000	"
1874.				
July 23,	Gammell Legacy Trust Fund,		500	7 "
	Cemetery Trust Fund,		2,750	6 "
1889.				
Nov. 4,	State Treasurer,	March 4, 1890,	3,000	3½ "
Total	.	.	\$34,850	

E. S. SPAULDING, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 1, 1890.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The committee have continued the work commenced a year ago, in grading the avenues, general improvement and repairs, and have used the sum of two hundred dollars appropriated by the town in such work as deemed by them necessary, but have found this amount insufficient to complete the original plans, and would recommend the appropriation of two hundred dollars for the ensuing year with which to carry on the work. We will have to purchase about two hundred small stone posts with which to establish the bounds on many of the lots, and will also require considerable gravel to finish the avenues.

We would again call the attention of the town to the fact of a portion of the cemetery being used as a drainage basin for the surface water from Main and Bloomfield Streets, thereby doing great damage to the driveways and many of the lots. Your committee deems this a disgrace to the town, as other means can be devised for disposing of this nuisance.

Another matter which needs the immediate attention of the town is the purchase of another tract of land for cemetery purposes. There are but few lots unsold in the present cemetery, and we would urge immediate action in regard to the purchase of a new tract, as many of the available locations are fast

being taken for building purposes; also, the price of suitable lots is upon the increase. We have examined into the matter of purchasing additional land for the enlargement of the present cemetery, but do not advise this plan, as but a small tract could be obtained, which would last but a few years at the most.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL,
T. H. BOWEN,
GEORGE H. JACKSON,
Cemetery Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Total amount of fund, Jan. 1, 1890. . . . \$2,750 00

		Receipts.	Payments.	Unex- pended Balances.
Balance unexpended Jan. 1, 1889	.	\$281 33		
John Winning heirs, lot No. 47	.	18 00	\$27 43	\$30 94
Eliab Brown, " 27	.	9 00	5 54	28 87
Isaac B. Smith, " 69	.	6 00	3 86	11 56
Mrs. O. A. Dodge, " 30	.	6 00	3 86	22 29
Nathan Fessenden, " 73	.	9 00	5 39	25 73
Charles Hudson, " 16	.	9 00	5 59	25 14
Marshall H. Locke, " 37	.	6 00	3 91	11 42
Mrs. A. Buttrick, " 105	.	12 00	7 22	49 12
Almira R. Chandler, " 92	.	6 00	3 86	7 65
Adeline R. Parker, " 152	.	6 00	3 86	7 64
John P. Reed, " 4	.	6 00	3 86	3 59
Philip Russell, " 48	.	6 00	3 86	4 19
Otis Wentworth, " 178	.	2 50	2 50	
Edwin Reed, " 9	.	4 00	3 81	19
Nicholas Locke, " 3	.	6 00	3 86	2 14
J. B. Simonds's lot, Old Cemetery	.	24 00	21 68	19 95
Mary Wells Merrill, "	.	6 00	3 86	17 59
Caira Robbins, Cemetery, East Lexington	.	18 00	31 09	34 38
		\$440 83	\$440 83	\$295 79
Balance unexpended Jan. 1, 1890	.			\$295 79

GEO. H. JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of births in 1889, fifty (50). Males, twenty-eight (28). Females, twenty-two (22). Parents native born, nineteen (19). Parents foreign born, nineteen (19). Parents one native and one foreign born, twelve (12).

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in Lexington for the year 1889, sixteen (16). Males native born, five (5). Males foreign born, eleven (11). Females native born, eight (8). Females foreign born, eight (8).

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1889.		
April 21 . .	{ John F. Hennessey . . . Julia A. Manley . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
April 23 . .	{ Theodore Dorr Dupee . . . Mary Louise Hobart . . .	Arlington. Lexington.
May 2 . .	{ Mark Dodd Sarah McGinty	Lexington. Winchester.
May 20 . .	{ Cyrus Martin Clara A. Larcom	Lexington. Lexington.
May 29 . .	{ John Ferris Elizabeth Clark	Bedford. Bedford.
June 25 . .	{ Thomas Forseyth Sarah McCarty	Lexington. Arlington.
July 4 . .	{ Ansel E. Taylor Ella Jefferson	Lexington. Lexington.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1889.		
Aug. 3 . .	{ Michael McDonald . . . Margaret Forseyth . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Sept. 18 . .	{ John Kelley Susan Moloney	Lexington. Lexington.
Oct. 9 . .	{ James Bliss Coombs . . . Maude Miller	Brooklyn, N. Y. Lexington.
Oct. 20 . .	{ George Flint Angeline E. Wellington . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 13 . .	{ John Meehan Bessie Ryan	Boston. Lexington.
Nov. 20 . .	{ George R. Graves Bridget E. Dewire	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 21 . .	{ John Wiese Emma L. Demar	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 24 . .	{ John Rudd Kate Devine	Lexington. Lexington.
Dec. 29 . .	{ Joseph Ferry Mary Ann Muldoon	Lexington. Lexington.

DEATHS.

RECORDED IN LEXINGTON FROM JAN. 1, 1889, TO JAN. 1, 1890.

DATE.	1889.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.	BIRTHPLACE.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan.	1	James J. Cotter.....	38	...	...	Heart Trouble.....	Ireland.
"	8	Mariborough Williams.....	...	2	26	Eczema & M'rasm's.....	Lexington.
"	11	William O'Keefe.....	61	...	...	Pneumonia.....	Ireland.
"	15	Sarah Kinneen.....	49	...	...	Heart Disease.....	Ireland.
"	20	Jane M. Rhoades.....	66	11	12	Heart Disease.....	Boston.
"	23	Charles W. Warren.....	47	5	23	Insanity.....	So. Berwick, Me.
"	27	Stillman Follen Lothrop.....	47	8	...	Paralysis.....	Lexington.
Feb.	8	Sarah J. Rankin.....	80	5	...	Pernicious Debility.....	Knox, Me.
"	11	Johanna Murphy.....	70	...	...	Paralysis.....	Ireland.
"	14	John F. Wilson.....	33	2	10	Heart Disease.....	Ireland.
"	26	John Conearney.....	66	7	...	Heart Disease.....	Ireland.
Mar.	22	Albert A. Nourse.....	24	11	22	Typhoid Fever.....	Lexington.
"	26	Charles K. Tucker.....	77	10	15	Ulcers'n of Bowels.....	Concord, N. H.
"	28	Davis Locke.....	29	10	28	Consumption.....	Lexington.
April	3	James A. Mitchell.....	41	7	...	Bright's Disease.....	Lexington.
"	6	Jeremiah Shea.....	30	...	...	Diseased Prostate.....	Ireland.
"	10	Hattie S. McCollough.....	39	10	11	Phthisis.....	South Boston.
"	14	Frank J. McCarthy.....	32	9	28	Consumption.....	Lexington.
"	16	John Irwin.....	68	...	16	Atomic Cystitis.....	Ireland.
"	16	Elizabeth M. Whitaker.....	70	3	...	Pneumonia.....	Weare, N. H.
May	7	Ellen A. Hovey.....	45	4	7	Bright's Disease.....	Cambridge.
"	11	John Dennehy.....	24	...	...	Heart Failure.....	Ireland.
"	13	Dennis Dinan.....	22	10	...	Consumption.....	Lexington.
"	30	Nancy G. Babb.....	66	2	20	Paralysis.....	Fryeburg, Me.
June	18	William Haley.....	65	...	...	Cancer of Rectum.....	Ireland.
"	26	Jeremiah Crowley.....	7	3	20	Paralysis.....	Lexington.
July	9	Oliver P. Mills.....	69	10	...	Consumption.....	Boston.
"	14	Elizabeth J. Porter.....	31	...	...	Phthisis.....	Ireland.
"	19	Fred Brown Sturtevant.....	...	...	...	Stillborn.....	Lexington.
"	19	Michael Shea.....	18	2	22	Consumption.....	Lexington.
Aug.	1	Emmeline S. Grinnell.....	71	...	...	Paralysis.....	Woodstock, N. J.
"	5	Lutigi Oneto.....	...	...	...	Debility.....	Lexington.
"	6	Hugh Noble Gregg.....	...	10	20	Tuberculosis.....	Lexington.
"	9	William M. Wilson.....	2	...	21	Inj'y to head fr. fall.....	Lexington.
"	9	John T. Hammond.....	...	2	20	Maramus.....	Lexington.
"	19	John Lyon.....	...	11	19	Wb'g Ch & Pneu.....	Lexington.
"	23	William E. Dwyer.....	1	6	7	Rochies.....	Lexington.
"	24	Julia Meriam Stetson.....	84	10	12	Old Age.....	Lexington.
"	24	Sarah E. Johnson.....	46	4	28	Cancer of Uterus.....	Lexington.
"	25	Elizabeth G. Davis.....	...	8	9	Innutrition.....	Boston.
Sept.	6	William R. Munroe.....	34	5	14	Ulcer of Stomach.....	Lexington.
"	12	Mary Kendall.....	80	6	...	Paralysis.....	Ashby.
"	17	Mary S. Underwood.....	70	10	5	Result of a fall.....	Concord.
"	27	Catherine E. Callahan.....	24	3	15	Consumption.....	Lexington.
Oct.	5	Jeremiah Sullivan.....	26	9	...	Railroad Accident.....	Ireland.
"	10	Carrie T. Allen.....	32	4	2	Scierrbus Cancer.....	Boston.
"	15	Leon A. Peters.....	2	1	20	Tubercular Min'g's.....	Lexington.
"	21	Sophia M. Gilmore.....	70	1	21	Paralytic Shock.....	Whittingham, Vt.
"	24	Solomon Estabrook.....	74	6	24	H't Dis. & Pleurisy.....	Lexington.
Nov.	9	Aaron Garmon.....	65	4	20	Cancer.....	Florida, Mass.
"	12	Mary L. Gilmore.....	49	1	25	Phthisis.....	Lexington.
"	19	William H. Mulliken.....	35	4	20	Tumor on Brain.....	Lexington.
"	25	Martha Wilson.....	56	6	21	Cancer.....	Ireland.
"	25	John Hennessey, Jr.....	81	...	...	Premature Birth.....	Lexington.
Dec.	7	Jane Grose.....	81	11	...	Heart Disease.....	England.
"	14	Mary A. T. Harrington.....	77	10	12	Ulcers'n of Stomach.....	Lexington.
"	21	William H. Greeley.....	57	5	27	Stricture of Bowels.....	Portland, Me.
"	22	Lucy Gammell.....	67	11	21	Cerebral Apoplexy.....	Lexington.
"	23	Lucy J. Holbrook.....	59	...	...	Hepatic.....	Watertown.
"	29	John B. Ryan.....	21	8	15	Phthisis.....	Lexington.

Whole number of Deaths	60
Number of Males	36
Number of Females	24
	— 60
Native born	46
Foreign born	14
	— 60

Number over sixty years of age	.	.	.	.	22
Number under ten years of age	.	.	.	.	9

ACCOUNT OF TOWN HISTORIES AND HISTORIES OF
THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Number of Town Histories on hand, Jan. 1, 1889	.	.	125
Sold during the year	.	.	2
Donated to Bedford Library	.	.	1
		—	3

Number on hand, Jan. 1, 1890 (including 16 bound copies and 23 copies in sheet in hands of Lee & Shepard, Boston)	122
Number of Histories of the Centennial on hand, Jan. 1, 1889	186
Number sold during the year	2
Number on hand, Jan. 1, 1890	184

DOGS.

Licensed in Lexington from Dec. 1, 1888, to Dec. 1, 1889,	283
Number of Males	243
Number of Females	40
Amount returned to County Treasurer, June, 1889 .	\$334 20
“ “ “ “ December, 1889,	295 20
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	\$629 40

JURORS.

List of jurors accepted by the town, March 4, 1889.

Franklin Alderman.
John D. Bacon.
Frank D. Brown.
Ira F. Burnham.
James E. Crone.*
Patrick F. Dacey.
William B. Foster.
Franklin A. Fletcher.
John F. Hutchinson.
Frank W. Herrick.
Arthur H. Jewett.
Nelson W. Jenney.

Everett S. Locke.
Matthew H. Merriam.
Charles Putnam.
Theodore J. Parker.
Moses H. Roberts.
Albert F. Spaulding.
Albert B. Smith.
George O. Wellington.
William H. Whitaker.
Charles F. Winship.*
Walter Wellington.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE,
Town Clerk.

* Drawn for December Term, Superior Court, at East Cambridge.

FIRE ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889: —

FIRES.

JAN. 5, 12.30 A. M. — A small barn owned by Robert Jefferson heirs, destroyed; cause, unknown. Value, \$125.

FEB. 11, an alarm rung in at 3.30 P. M. — House, W. W. Hartwell, Wood Street. Telephone calling chemical engines No. 1 and No. 2, damage to building, \$65, to contents, \$15; cause, defective chimney.

MARCH 9, 8.45 P. M. — Call by telephone from pumping station for chemical No. 2, slight fire in the new house; cause, defect in the fireplace.

MARCH 15, an alarm rung in at 12.30 P. M. — Carpenter's shop owned by Ellen Stone, damage to building \$15, to contents, \$65, hydrant service, hose No. 1; cause from smoking.

APRIL 12, an alarm rung in at 7.20 P. M. — Brush fire on land between Maple and Woburn Streets, chemical No. 1 called.

APRIL 19. — Brush fire on land of Dr. Lawrence.

MAY 16, an alarm rung in at 12.20 P. M. — Brush fire at Bedford line; building of Michael Hinchey in danger, chemical No. 2 called.

OCT. 16, an alarm rung in at 9.10 P. M. — Fire in Bedford; chemical No. 2 present, their services recognized by Walter Webber, presenting the company with \$25.

Nov. 20, an alarm rung in at 5.50 P. M. — Stables of B. F. Brown, buildings destroyed, part of contents saved by the citizens. Telephone calling the entire Fire Department, and alarming the pumping station; hydrant service good, 2,000 feet of hose laid, valuable adjoining property saved; cause, exploded lantern. Mr. Brown attested his appreciation of the working of the firemen by sending to the Engineers a check for \$100.

We not only feel it our duty, but it would give us great pleasure at any time to give any information desired in regard to the Fire Department.

The telephone fire-alarm has been of great service in giving the alarm for fires, and alarming the pumping station; and we recommend an appropriation of \$100 for the renewal of the contract for one year.

We take this opportunity to thank the members of the department and all others who have by word or other ways rendered any service to the department.

WM. B. FOSTER,
WILLARD WALCOTT,
E. J. B. NOURSE,
Fire Engineers of Lexington.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1889.

	RESIDENT.	NON-RESIDENT.	TOTAL.
Real Estate,	\$2,328,172	\$222,816	\$2,550,988
Personal Estate,	498,372	143,672	642,064
			<u>\$3,193,052</u>

Gain in real estate, \$91,166; loss in personal, \$158,071; net loss, \$66,905.

There are various causes for the diminution in personal property the past year, among which is the loss of a large tax-payer on personal estate, and another the shrinkage on many taxable stocks.

AMOUNT OF TAX LIST COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

County tax	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,527 33
State tax	.	.	.	.	.	3,260 00
Town grants	.	.	.	.	.	36,165 00
Overlayings	.	.	.	.	.	325 43
						<u>\$42,277 76</u>
Resident real estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	\$29,567 78
Non-resident real estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	2,829 78
Resident personal tax	.	.	.	.	.	6,329 32
Non-resident personal tax	.	.	.	.	.	1,824 88
Eight hundred and sixty-three poll taxes	.	.	.	.	.	1,726 00
						<u>\$42,277 76</u>
Number of polls	.	.	.	.	.	863
Rate of taxation per thousand	.	.	.	.	.	\$12 70
Number of dwelling-houses	.	.	.	.	.	590
" Horses	.	.	.	.	.	549
" Cows	.	.	.	.	.	1,248
" Swine	.	.	.	.	.	312
" Sheep	.	.	.	.	.	10
" Other neat cattle	.	.	.	.	.	94

Total number of acres of land taxed	9,931
Total number of tax-payers	1,233
Number of persons taxed on property	735
Number of persons for poll only	498

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Church property	\$65,600 00
Town property	128,600 00

JOS. F. SIMONDS,
WALTER WELLINGTON,
H. B. DAVIS,
Assessors.

CARY LIBRARY REPORT.

The whole number of books in the library is 12,227, of which 497 were added in 1889.

During the year, 25,729 volumes were taken out; 1890 were covered or repaired. Thirty-three magazines and one daily newspaper are placed every day upon the tables.

Gifts have been received from H. G. Locke, H. T. Cheever, R. M. Lawrence, W. H. Whitmore, the W. S. League, and others.

Four hundred and forty-nine visitors have registered their names, representing twenty-five States, Canada, British Columbia, England, and Japan.

The shelves are now completely filled, and several new bookcases are imperatively needed. The duties of the librarian have increased to such an extent that a small additional appropriation will be necessary to meet the expense of further assistance.

The attention of young persons frequenting the library is directed to the regulations, which forbid loud talking and improper conduct at the reading tables.

From the East Lexington Branch, Miss Holbrook reports that the whole number of books circulated through her agency during the year was 3,866, being an average of about 76 per week.

The noon visitors have averaged nine, and those in the evenings, six.

Gifts of books have been received from J. F. Hutchinson, G. L. Pierce, and Miss Underwood. The "Minute Man" has been given by Mr. Childs, and the "Woman's Journal" by the W. S. League.

For the Trustees,

EDWARD G. PORTER.

CARY LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1889-90.

The Treasurer of Cary Library debits himself as follows:—

Town of Lexington Notes	\$11,000 00
Deposit in Lexington Savings Bank	556 42
Caira Robbins Fund	57 42
Book Purchasing Fund	1,012 50
Interest on Town Notes	660 00
Dog Tax	594 46
Fines	15 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1889	195 20
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	\$14,091 00

And credits himself as follows:—

Accounts paid	\$714 03
Town Notes	11,000 00
Caira Robbins Fund	57 42
Lexington Savings Bank	556 42
Book Purchasing Fund	1,012 50
Cash on hand	750 63
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	\$14,091 00

EDWARD P. BLISS,
Treasurer.

Nov. 1, 1889.

BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.

The following report is respectfully submitted:—

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1889.	Balance on hand as per		
	last report . . .	\$3,887	57
Dec. 31, 1889.	Interest received during the		
	year	202	84
		\$4,090	41

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 1, 1890.	Aid to sundry persons as		
	per conditions of the		
	trust	\$71	36
	Balance on hand . . .	4,019	05
		\$4,090	41
Jan. 1, 1890.	Amount of permanent fund,	\$3,984	41
	Amount available . . .	34	64
		\$4,019	05

GEO. E. MUZZEY, *Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 1, 1890.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GAMMELL LEGACY.

In rendering our report for the past year we have little to communicate.

There have been few if any cases of sickness among the inmates; with the exception, perhaps, of the bedridden one, who requires no little patience from his attendants.

We have used the funds committed to our trust in dispensing such luxuries as would not properly be expected to come from the town treasury, as they have been suggested by the matron or the attending physician; always bearing in mind the wishes of the legator as we understand them.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY M. WHITING,

LUCY N. BLODGETT,

Trustees.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$10,000 00
“ from cash in the treasury . . .	1,500 00
State Treasurer School fund . . .	165 36
Revenues School fund . . .	256 51
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	\$11,921 87

Amount expended . . . \$11,221 31

EXPENDITURES.

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. N. Ham, instructor . . .	\$1,500 00
Helen A. Fiske, instructor . . .	750 00
Henry H. Bowen, janitor . . .	86 00
Henry H. Bowen, cutting wood, and labor . . .	7 00
J. H. Prescott, repairing seats and desks . . .	16 50
Lyman Lawrence, hardware . . .	7 51
Lexington Water Company, water . . .	20 00
E. S. Locke, plumbing . . .	11 00
E. S. Locke, tinning roof, zinc, etc. . .	123 83
Mrs. Reardon, cleaning . . .	11 00
Mrs. Desmond, cleaning . . .	11 00
W. C. Brown, moving piano, settees, etc. . .	6 50
Burdett Business Collegs, writing diplomas . . .	2 10
W. A. Pierce, coal . . .	147 50
John T. Scott, painting and finishing desks, . . .	212 68
John McKay, carpenter work and stock . . .	74 75
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Amount carried forward . . . \$2,987 37

Amount brought forward . . .	\$2,987 37
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber . . .	46 80
Gregory & Brown, papering ceiling . . .	63 40
John A. Fratus, repairing clock . . .	2 50
J. May, carpenter work . . .	3 75
F. L. Jewell, painting, and putting on win-	
dows . . .	3 25
Lexington Gas Light Company, gas . . .	4 38
L. A. Saville, soap, brush, broom, mat . . .	7 50
Geo. W. Spaulding, mats, duster . . .	4 54
H. B. Davis, ventilators . . .	1 30
Gershom Swan, mason work . . .	11 80
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	\$3,136 59

HOWARD SCHOOL.

Maria A. Butterfield, instruction . . .	\$450 00
Wm. E. Ricker, janitor . . .	35 00
Wm. E. Ricker, broom, and cutting wood . . .	1 08
John Landers, janitor . . .	7 00
W. A. Pierce, coal . . .	12 30
E. S. Locke, cleaning stove and repairing	
pump . . .	4 50
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber . . .	5 15
Mrs. Reardon, cleaning . . .	2 00
Mrs. Desmond, cleaning . . .	2 00
Lyman Lawrence, hardware . . .	50
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	\$519 53

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Hattie D. Hall, instruction . . .	\$650 00
Ellen B. Lane, instruction . . .	500 00
Nellie H. Parker, instruction . . .	450 00
Amelia M. Mulliken, instruction . . .	450 00
Grace A. Lovejoy, instruction . . .	87 50
Annie L. Riley, instruction . . .	320 00
W. W. Baker, janitor . . .	86 32
Geo. H. Thurston, janitor . . .	36 00
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Amount carried forward . . . \$2,579 82

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,579 82
H. B. Davis, janitor Branch School	16 00
H. B. Davis, rent, repairs, cleaning Branch School	125 11
Lyman Lawrence, hardware	13 66
M. O'Brien, cleaning vault, cutting wood, and labor	17 38
Wm. J. Neville, wood	13 00
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber	21
W. A. Pierce, coal and wood	168 93
Lexington Water Company, water	31 20
E. S. Locke, smoke-pipe, broom, pail, brush,	14 43
C. A. Butters & Co., floor brush	2 50
John McKay, carpenter work	1 50
Mary Mansfield, cleaning	8 00
Mrs. Reardon, cleaning	1 80
Mrs. J. Shea, cleaning	7 40
Gershom Swan, mason work	8 50
W. W. Baker, labor	13 38
C. C. Mann & Co., soap and soda	46
L. A. Saville, brush, mats, and broom	4 15
Geo. W. Spaulding, glass, soap, mats	8 58
T. K. Fiske, painting	6 50
	<hr/> \$3,042 51

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Nellie L. Saunders, instruction	\$605 00
Carrie F. Fiske, instruction	450 00
Hiram Pierce, janitor	80 64
Hiram Pierce, cleaning, cutting wood, and removing windows	13 00
W. L. Choate, plumbing and hardware	6 85
John A. Fratus, repairing two clocks	2 50
Lexington Water Company, water	16 80
Geo. Flint, painting, and setting glass	19 80
W. A. Pierce, wood and coal	150 95
E. S. Locke, furnace and repairs	136 38

Amount carried forward . . . \$1,481 92

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,481 92
John McKay, carpenter work	7 50
J. H. Ingalls, tuning piano	2 00
Lyman Lawrence, hardware	15
James H. Phillips, ventilator and carpenter work	4 05
R. W. Holbrook, broom, duster, etc.	2 36
	<hr/> \$1,497 98

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Annie F. Comey, instruction	\$400 00
Geo. O. Wellington, janitor	32 25
Geo. O. Wellington, repairing well, cutting wood	3 50
W. J. Neville, wood	6 50
E. S. Locke, labor on chimney and repairing stove	4 93
W. A. Pierce, coal	12 30
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber	3 28
John McKay, carpenter work	3 00
Geo. W. Spaulding, pail, broom, and glass,	77
Gershom Swan, mason work	6 00
	<hr/> \$472 53

COMMON TO ALL SCHOOLS.

E. Cutter, Jr., teaching music	\$400 00
A. Skelton, wood	5 00
E. B. Rose & Son, wood	86 00
Grand Rapids School Furniture Company, furniture	129 25
Willard Small, stationery	5 54
Thomas Hall, chemicals and apparatus	36 99
J. N. Ham, expenses in procuring teachers and bill of T. Hall	12 96
Geo. S. Perry, school supplies	47 83
A. A. Waterman & Co., books	153 06

Amount carried forward . . . \$876 63

<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$876 63</i>
Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Company, books and stationery	78 50
Helen A. Fiske, services as purchasing agent, and school supplies	51 85
Wm. A. Campbell, shades	8 00
D. C. Heath & Co., school supplies . .	29 43
Burdett Business College, writing diplomas,	3 15
Prang Educational Company, school supplies,	5 83
Silver, Burdett & Co.	96 64
Winchester Furniture Company, ink wells .	7 16
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber	55
J. L. Hammett, 346 feet blackboards . .	34 60
C. S. Parker, printing	16 25
A. G. Whitcomb, table	7 25
M. O'Brien, cutting wood, cleaning vaults .	8 50
Joseph Dane, cleaning vaults	12 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, school supplies,	39 12
Clark & Maynard, school supplies . . .	10 23
A. C. Stocking, school supplies	18 32
Boston School Supply Company, school sup- plies	26 92
D. Appleton & Co., school supplies . . .	22 50
Harper Brothers, school supplies	5 01
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., school supplies .	4 15
Ginn & Co., school supplies	5 15
American Express Company, expressage . .	1 95
Nourse & Co., expressage	3 25
A. C. Washburn, building stage	3 00
Willard Walcott, carriage hire	11 50
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	\$1,387 44

TIDD SCHOOL.

Emma E. Wright, instruction	\$450 00
Wm. Ballard, janitor	19 50
Lyman Lawrence, hardware	1 03
C. W. Stanley, repairing stove	2 25
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$472 78</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	<i>\$472 78</i>
Mrs. Burrill, cleaning	8 00
Julia Gallagher, cleaning	8 00
H. B. Davis, carpenter work, removing win- dows	5 75
Geo. E. Muzzey, outside windows, lumber,	5 79
E. S. Locke, repairing pump, dusters and chimneys	10 80
W. A. Pierce, coal	12 30
John T. Scott, painting	43 88
John McKay, carpenter	3 00
L. A. Saville, bell rope	75
Geo. W. Spaulding, rope, mat, broom . .	1 25
M. Megan	12 75
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	\$575 05

WARREN SCHOOL.

Dora M. Morrell, instruction	\$460 00
Dora M. Morrell, janitress	64 72
Lyman Lawrence, hardware	4 48
J. H. Ingalls, repairing organ	4 00
B. McCaffray, cutting wood	2 50
Wm. J. Neville, wood	6 50
H. B. Davis, removing outside windows .	2 00
Joseph Dane, cleaning well	3 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	12 30
E. S. Locke, repairing stove funnel . . .	6 60
John McKay, carpenter work	6 75
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber	4 53
John T. Scott, setting glass	4 54
Mrs. John Lennon, cleaning	6 00
W. W. Ferguson, repairing lock	1 00
L. A. Saville, glass and putty	76
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\$589 68

SUMMARY.

High School	\$3,136 59
Howard "	519 53
Hancock "	3,042 51
Adams "	1,497 98
Franklin "	472 53
Tidd "	575 05
Warren "	589 68
Common to all schools	1,387 44
	<hr/> \$11,221 31

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$2,000 00
R. H. White, produce from farm	\$336 86
Estate of Mary Gammell	125 56
Highway Department, board horses	315 00

Outside Poor:—

Owen McDonald, refunded	9 00
City of Boston, refunded on account of Nellie Fogg and Margeret Rafferty	27 88
Excess of expenditure over receipts	120 46
	<hr/> \$2,934 76

Amount expended in connection with house and farm	\$2,194 52
Amount expended for outside poor	740 24
	<hr/> \$2,934 76

EXPENDITURES.

R. H. White, services	\$500 04
R. H. White, fish, manure, repairing mower, offal, crackers, etc.	136 86
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$636 90</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	<i>\$636 90</i>
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harness, and hardware	10 14
J. W. Griffin, wheelwrighting	14 50
Wm. H. Smith, dry goods, boots and shoes,	75 06
C. H. Lowe, provisions	108 49
B. C. Whitchee, grain	176 36
T. L. Russell, crackers	6 70
W. J. Neville, wood	52 00
C. T. West, burial expenses of Mary A. Gammell	51 15
George E. Muzzey, lumber	9 67
L. A. Saville, groceries	43 00
C. A. Butters & Co. "	97 93
Perkins & Co. "	85 58
Geo. W. Spaulding, "	13 02
A. Childs, "	31 03
R. W. Holbrook, "	89 41
George H. Jackson, provisions	87 29
J. Donovan, labor	70 25
P. Logan, labor	37 50
Geo. Tyler & Co., Climax harrow	28 00
E. S. Locke, tinware, repairing pump	6 33
Cyrus Royce, dry goods	11 39
Wm. E. Denham, smithing	8 25
H. P. Webber, "	19 50
Wm. Ham, "	1 35
Henry Griffin, manure wagon and wheel- wrighting	183 40
George Crocker, labor	30 37
Frank E. Flood, provisions	71 12
W. A. Pierce, coal	57 35
H. H. Harding, boots, shoes, clothing	9 25
E. T. Adams, fish	8 59
G. M. Litchfield, ice	13 64
Howland Holmes, M. D., medical services	50 00
	<hr/> \$2,194 52

OUTSIDE POOR.

Aid furnished Mrs. Logan . . .	\$90 25
" Mrs. Estabrook . . .	20 00
" Mrs. Doyle . . .	54 00
" Elijah Holdway . . .	158 14
" Bridget Holdway . . .	65 33
" Nellie Fogg . . .	18 38
" George B. Haggett . . .	169 46
" Mrs. and Mrs. Winship . . .	85 63
" E. McDonald . . .	6 00
" Mrs. Buckley . . .	15 38
" Mrs. Crowley . . .	15 38
" Mrs. Drew . . .	3 25
" tramps . . .	1 20
Burial of Edward J. McMabon . . .	25 00
" Wm. F. Dillon . . .	10 00
Paid George C. Goodwin & Co. . .	2 84

\$740 24

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . .	\$4,000 00
" from cash in the treasury . .	3,500 00
Excess of expenditures over appropriation . .	\$215 00
	<hr/> \$7,715 00

EXPENDITURES.

F. Reynolds, labor . . .	\$113 25
P. Whalen, " . . .	110 25
N. J. Patterson, " . . .	33 75
J. Murphy, " . . .	61 87
Wm. Larkin, " . . .	55 49
T. Engalls, " . . .	54 75
P. Logan, " . . .	253 31

Amount carried forward . . . \$682 67

Amount brought forward . . .	\$682 67
R. McKinnio, labor . . .	3 00
J. Tousley, " . . .	3 00
J. McGeough, " . . .	22 50
P. Shaughnessy, " . . .	3 75
P. M. Peterson, " . . .	11 25
W. Covert, " . . .	2 25
E. Shannon, " . . .	2 25
W. Whitaker, " . . .	5 00
E. K. Ballard, " . . .	2 50
N. Shea, " . . .	196 00
J. Clifford, " . . .	266 87
M. P. Patterson, " . . .	49 87
M. Colby, " . . .	165 38
Wm. Salter, " . . .	261 18
M. Megan, " . . .	269 50
W. Cavanagh, " . . .	18 00
Otis Harrington, " . . .	6 39
J. Donovan, " . . .	391 44
M. McDonald, " . . .	59 24
P. Reardon, " . . .	234 93
E. Connors, " . . .	279 38
J. Vaughn, " . . .	249 55
J. McCann, " . . .	280 87
E. W. Glass, " . . .	216 75
M. Manley, " . . .	266 87
J. Dalrymple, " . . .	236 00
P. Kelleher, " . . .	325 83
P. Mulvey, " . . .	60 37
F. Lynch, " . . .	47 62
J. Reardon, " . . .	94 94
A. Kelly, " . . .	19 50
P. Cody, " . . .	1 25
P. White, " . . .	49 87
N. Peterson, " . . .	30 75
J. McClough, " . . .	29 62
J. Carney, " . . .	34 50

Amount carried forward . . . \$4,880 64

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$4,880 64</i>
R. White, labor	50 00
M. Sullivan, "	56 62
G. H. Crocker, "	208 68
J. Tracy, "	3 00
Wm. E. Denham, smithing and post	60 79
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harnesses, soap, hardware	18 60
B. C. Whitcher, grain	338 40
Geo. E. Muzzey, drain-pipe, lumber	53 80
Bigelow & Dowse, tools	31 90
John W. Griffin, wheelwrighting	17 50
Geo. Tyler & Co., plough and points	30 00
Henry Griffin, wheelwrighting	2 50
Geo. H. Sampson, forcite and caps	21 70
C. J. Nickles, plank	10 00
C. A. Butters & Co., nails, axe, hook	2 53
L. A. Saville, oil	30
Dodge, Haley & Co., stone hammers	3 60
J. Chisholm, repairing harnesses	16 85
J. M. Ellis, Cottrell's ledge	250 00
J. M. Ellis, ledge at East Lexington	194 36
H. P. Webber, smithing	25 25
Wm. Ham, smithing	62 87
J. A. Russell, smithing	90 19
Davis & Farnum Manufacturing Co., grates	14 85
C. Martin, teaming	47 50
Wm. Whitaker, teaming	35 00
J. Q. A. Chandler, gravel	14 65
C. A. Wellington, gravel	13 00
T. Kinneen, gravel	38 45
A. H. Jewett, gravel	17 50
R. J. Elliott, dressing stone, laying wall	70 00
John W. Griffin, wheelwrighting	30
Otis Harrington, moving stone walls	352 00
T. W. Morey, wheelwrighting	3 75
A. M. Bates, two blankets	8 00
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$7,045 08</i>

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$7,045 08</i>
R. W. Holbrook, axe handles, nails, oil	1 72
E. S. Locke, branding iron, lanterns	3 20
R. White, services	50 00
Webster Smith, services	300 00
Support poor, board horses	315 00
	<u>\$7,715 00</u>

CONTINGENT GRANT.

RECEIPTS.	
Rent of Town Hall	\$172 00
" Masonic Hall	100 00
" Village Hall	63 00
A. S. Mitchell, auctioneer's license	2 00
Circus license	4 00
Corporation tax	3,877 56
F. W. Coburn, 4 stone posts	1 60
F. W. Herrick, 3 "	1 20
J. S. Munroe, 8 "	3 20
A. W. Newell, street lamp post	8 00
P. Daly	1 00
National bank tax	794 80
Town histories	9 40
Income from hay scales	70 19
	<u>\$5,107 95</u>
Amount expended	\$1,174 73
Balance unexpended	3,933 22
	<u>\$5,107 95</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
L. A. Saville, registering births, deaths, and marriages	\$31 35
B. C. Whitcher, eight photographs Cottrell estate	2 00
American Express Co., expressage town reports	1 05
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$34 40</i>

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$34 40</i>
C. G. Kauffman, one index book . . .	80
A. Beddell, burning brand . . .	2 00
Lexington Water Co., for watering trough .	80 00
Otis Harrington, drilling stone and blasting rocks	10 16
Otis Harrington, setting iron post, cutting stone	4 50
Loring W. Muzzey, meals town officers in March	10 50
Loring W. Muzzey, meals town officers . .	18 00
C. K. Darling & Co., paper and penholders, .	1 13
C. K. Darling & Co., assessors' books . .	22 25
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight . . .	1 21
Chelmsford Foundry Co., six lamp posts and frames	52 50
E. S. Locke, galvanized iron, and labor, Town Hall	11 00
R. M. Johnson, removing night-soil . . .	15 00
Webster Smith, use of horse one year . .	50 00
Robert P. Clapp, examining town records copies letters Mrs. Cary	25 00
Wm. B. Foster, serving warrants, April meeting	12 00
Wm. B. Foster, serving nuisance notices .	2 10
Wm. B. Foster, notifying dog owners and collecting dog money	16 80
Lorin Wetherell, distributing votes . . .	1 50
John D. Bacon, distributing votes . . .	1 50
Fred W. Barry, one journal, weighing book for scales, envelopes	9 40
Noyes Manufacturing Co., gas regulator .	10 00
Gaston & Whitney, professional services before legislative committee	300 00
James S. Merriam, painting lock-up . . .	5 00
P. T. Gillooley, painting signs and guide-boards	13 25
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$710 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$710 00</i>
Hiram Pierce, care East Lexington Reading-room	25 00
W. L. Choate, repairing street lanterns and furnace, Adams School	3 21
John P. Lovell Arms Co., five police badges, .	3 75
James H. Phillips, four signs	6 10
John McKay, repairing windows Town Hall, .	2 50
Lyman Lawrence, padlock	35
Willard Walcott, carriage hire	5 00
R. M. Yale & Co., repairing flag	4 97
H. B. Davis, setting lamp and guide-posts .	5 00
H. R. Earle, gas fixtures Cary Library . .	4 75
Charles S. Parker, printing envelopes . .	12 25
Joseph Caldwell, repairing flagstaff . .	24 84
J. F. Maynard, two blank books	1 55
Carrie A. Underwood, repairing flag . . .	3 00
A. C. Washburn, carpenter work, Town Hall	77 11
J. H. McNellis, serving notice	1 00
Thomas Cosgrove, additional State aid . .	36 00
Allen Bros., rubber stamp	2 00
M. F. Tracy & Son, voting shelves	35 50
Robert McDonald, railing	25 10
Wm. Tucker, clearing old cemetery . . .	15 00
Nourse & Co., expressage	9 15
George Flint, painting, and setting glass .	10 00
L. A. Saville, crackers, broom, paint, and repairs on hay scales	5 31
L. A. Saville, district license ballots, tally sheet, frame for voting list, stamps, etc.	14 85
E. S. Spaulding, services with auditors .	5 00
G. W. Spaulding, weighing fees on scales, oil, candles, etc.	12 53
Geo. H. Thurston, alcohol, soap, etc. . .	3 74
T. K. Fiske, painting and glazing	6 50
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$1,071 06</i>

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$1,071 06</i>
R. W. Holbrook, oil, broom, and chimney . . .	4 50
C. T. West, postage stamps . . .	1 50
C. T. West, attending funerals and returning deaths . . .	47 75
C. W. Swan, inspector . . .	3 00
T. J. O'Brien, inspector . . .	3 00
A. H. Jewett, assistant inspector . . .	3 00
C. M. Parker, assistant inspector . . .	3 00
E. S. Locke, hardware, sealing scales . . .	11 42
Parker Bros., removing snow 1887-8 . . .	10 00
J. Donovan, " " " . . .	7 50
C. McEnroe, " " " . . .	3 75
F. Reynolds, " " " . . .	5 25
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	\$1,174 73

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$1,100 00
Amount expended . . .	\$778 75
Balance unexpended . . .	321 25
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	\$1,100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Company . . .	\$5 02
B. Harrington, use of horse to fires . . .	3 00
Pay-roll, April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889, Hancock . . .	135 75
Pay-roll, April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889, Adams Chemical . . .	247 91
Pay-roll, April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889, Chemical No. 2 . . .	112 50
W. T. Ham, steward hose and chemical . . .	60 00
W. A. Pierce, coal, Hancock . . .	20 25
Lexington Water Company . . .	14 00
A. W. Mitchell, badges, and repairing same, . . .	7 10
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$605 53</i>

<i>Amount brought forward . . .</i>	<i>\$605 53</i>
Willard Walcott, engineer . . .	25 00
E. J. B. Nourse, engineer . . .	25 00
Wm. B. Foster, engineer . . .	25 00
H. R. Earle, brass rail, pipes, caps . . .	20 82
H. P. Webber, wrench . . .	50
Wm. E. Denham, irons on hose wagon . . .	10 00
Willard Walcott, use of horses . . .	38 50
B. F. Morey, use of horses . . .	3 00
George W. Simmons & Co., three overcoats, . . .	13 50
A. Childs, chimneys, oil, soapine, glass . . .	3 95
Wm. B. Foster, charcoal, cotton waste, keys, . . .	2 95
L. A. Saville, sponge . . .	50
A. S. Jackson, spanners and wrench . . .	4 50
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	\$778 75

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

State Treasurer . . .	\$306 00
Amount expended . . .	\$297 00
Balance unexpended . . .	9 00
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	\$306 00

EXPENDITURES.

Thomas Burke . . .	\$36 00
Emily R. Earle . . .	48 00
Eliza McCreesh . . .	48 00
G. A. Page . . .	60 00
Thomas Cosgrove . . .	36 00
Abigail T. Richardson . . .	48 00
John C. Dandley . . .	21 00
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	\$297 00

STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$2,000 00
Received from breakers of glass . . .	2 10
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	\$2,002 10
Amount expended . . .	\$1,830 00
Balance unexpended . . .	172 10
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	\$2,002 10

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Co.	\$854 00	
John Ryan, lighting	516 52	
J. G. Kauffman, care of lights, and repairs,	361 45	
C. R. Hamlin, " " "	22 20	
F. L. Jewell, repairs	30 33	
H. F. Ingalls, care of lights	11 20	
Thos. G. Whiting, care of lights, and repairs,	20 50	
E. S. Locke, repairing lamps,	8 85	
L. A. Saville, glass	1 75	
G. W. Spaulding, glass	3 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,830 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$2,000 00	
Court fees	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,024 00
Amount expended	\$1,860 50	
Balance unexpended	163 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,024 00

EXPENDITURES.

C. H. Franks, police, carriage, telegrams	\$919 50	
Wm. B. Foster, police, and distributing town warrants	720 00	
H. E. Bishop, police	152 50	
A. S. Mitchell, police, and distributing reports, notifying town	43 50	
P. F. Dacy, Fourth of July	5 00	
Willard Walcott, Fourth of July	5 00	
J. E. Garmon, Fourth of July	5 00	
George H. Thurston, Fourth of July	5 00	
Samuel Moulton, Fourth of July	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,860 50

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$1,500 00	
Overdue taxes	107 00	
New England Trust Co., deposits	99 33	
Excess of expenditures over receipts	129 09	
	<hr/>	\$1,835 42

EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer	\$800 92	
Treasurer Cary Library, E. P. Bliss, treasurer	660 00	
Bridge Fund, George E. Muzzey, treasurer,	120 00	
Geo. H. Jackson, treasurer Cemetery Fund,	159 50	
Brewster, Cobb & Estabrook	60 00	
Gammell Legacy	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,835 42

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AWARD FOR LAND DAMAGES ON MAIN STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$4,500 00	
Amount expended	\$2,635 00	
Balance unexpended	1,865 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

T. H. Bowen	\$20 00	
Alfred Pierce	20 00	
P. P. Pierce heirs	300 00	
A. W. Bryant	100 00	
Seraph A. Foster	75 00	
N. W. Jenney	150 00	
Laura M. Brigham	50 00	
Ellen Dana	75 00	
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Amount carried forward	\$790 00	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$790 00
G. E. Robinson		150 00
H. D. Hanson, administrator		25 00
E. M. Robbins, attorney		150 00
E. P. Nichols		150 00
Otis Wentworth		100 00
Emily J. Plumer		70 00
Estate of Asa Cottrell		1,200 00
		<hr/> \$2,635 00

WATER SUPPLY.

EXPENDITURE.

James S. Munroe, paid engineer, horse and carriage, etc., \$63 77

RINGING BELLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . . \$70 00

EXPENDITURES

Wm. T. Ham	\$35 00
Augustus Childs	35 00
	<hr/> \$70 00

FUEL AND LIGHTS FOR TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

RECEIPTS

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$500 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts	15 61
	<hr/> \$515 61

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Company	\$321 63
W. A. Pierce, coal	179 35
Walter Wellington, oil, chimneys, charcoal,	11 23
W. J. Neville, wood	3 40
	<hr/> \$515 61

HYDRANTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$1,640 00
Amount expended	\$1,622 50
Balance unexpended	17 50
	<hr/> \$1,640 00

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Water Company	\$1,622 50
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CELEBRATION OF THE NINETEENTH OF APRIL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in the treasury	\$200 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Wm. B. Foster, flannel, powder, firing cannon	\$16 75
George O. Whiting, music, speakers, use of piano, etc.	175 00
George H. Sampson, 2 kegs powder	8 25
	<hr/> \$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$125 00
Amount expended	\$121 20
Balance unexpended	3 80
	<hr/> \$125 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. S. McDonald, flowers	\$28 60
George G. Meade Post, for band	56 00
Weber Quartette	26 60
Frank O. Barnes	10 00
	<hr/> \$121 20

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Borrowed of State Treasurer, March 7, 1889 . . .	\$5,000 00
Paid, Aug. 6, 1889	\$5,000 00
Borrowed of Brewster, Cobb & Estabrook, May 22, 1889	6,000 00
Paid, Sept. 22, 1889	6,000 00
Borrowed of State Treasurer, Nov. 4, 1889 . . .	3,000 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$300 00
Amount expended	\$250 00
Balance unexpended	50 00
	<hr/> \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

R. M. Lawrence	\$100 00
E. P. Bliss	100 00
B. F. Brown	50 00
	<hr/> \$250 00

TREASURER CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$50 00
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EXPENDITURES.

E. P. Bliss	\$50 00
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SELECTMEN IN THEIR VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Webster Smith	\$250 00
R. W. Holbrook	250 00
Charles T. West	300 00
	<hr/> \$800 00

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$250 00
Amount expended	\$232 30
Balance unexpended	17 70
	<hr/> \$250 00

EXPENDITURES.

Charles S. Parker, printing tax bills, dog notice, town warrants, assessors' and registrars' notices	\$27 80
D. F. Jones & Co., town reports	190 50
Wright & Potter Printing Company, public statutes	4 25
Charles Bascom, warrants	4 75
Parsons & Co.	5 00
	<hr/> \$232 30

PRINTING BY-LAWS.

EXPENDITURES.

Robert P. Clapp, printing, filing, and record- ing	\$51 25
Charles S. Parker, printing additional copies, . . .	17 50
	<hr/> \$68 75

GAMMELL LEGACY.

RECEIPTS.

Interest Trust Funds	\$35 00
Balance from 1888	66 98
	<hr/> \$101 98
Amount expended	\$38 77
Balance unexpended	63 21
	<hr/> \$101 98

EXPENDITURES.

L. M. Whiting, sundries	\$20 47
G. W. Spaulding, sundries	14 25
L. A. Saville, sundries	4 05
	<hr/> \$38 77

TELEPHONE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
Refunded by Water Co.	\$51 68
Excess of expenditures over receipts	103 32
	<u>\$155 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
New England Telephone Co.	\$155 00

CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.	
Sale of lots	\$190 00
Amount expended	\$166 02
Balance unexpended	23 98
	<u>\$190 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
Thomas Burke, labor	\$11 37
P. Kelleher, "	34 00
R. J. Elliot, "	5 25
T. H. Bowen, "	48 00
Lexington Water Co.	15 00
Parker & Wood, repairing lawn mower	1 90
A. Jordan, labor	38 50
George H. Emery, purchase of lot	12 00
	<u>\$166 02</u>

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$350 00

EXPENDITURES.	
J. N. Ham, salary	\$350 00

DRAINAGE SURVEY.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$500 00
Amount expended	\$488 30
Balance unexpended	11 70
	<u>\$500 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Aspinwall & Lincoln, engineers	\$400 00
J. O. Tilton, services and horse hire	38 30
James J. Powers, examination and report	50 00
	<u>\$488 30</u>

CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.	
County Treasurer, dog tax	\$594 46

EXPENDITURES.	
E. P. Bliss, treasurer	\$594 46

AUDITORS.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$45 00

EXPENDITURES.	
H. B. Sampson	\$22 50
Gershom Swan	22 50
	<u>\$45 00</u>

LIBRARIAN CARY LIBRARY AND EAST LEXINGTON
READING-ROOM.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$820 00

Amount expended	\$781 75
Balance unexpended	38 25
	<u>\$820 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
Florence E. Whitchee	\$504 00
Nellie Holbrook	216 00
Elmina Munroe	60 00
Julia Abbott, cleaning	1 75
	<u>\$781 75</u>

ASSESSORS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . .	\$425 00	
Excess of expenditure over receipts . .	1 50	
	<u> </u>	\$426 50

EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Simonds	\$175 00	
H. B. Davis	120 00	
Walter Wellington	120 00	
Willard Walcott, horse hire	11 50	
	<u> </u>	\$426 50

IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . .	\$200 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts . .	4 11	
	<u> </u>	\$204 11

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. H. Whitaker, labor, teaming, and gravel	\$142 43	
James Clifford, labor	15 31	
John Richardson, labor	24 06	
John Kelley, labor	22 31	
	<u> </u>	\$204 11

JANITORS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$500 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

George H. Thurston	\$450 00	
Walter Wellington	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$500 00

INDUSTRIAL TEACHING.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . .	\$250 00	
Excess of expenditure over receipts . .	185 32	
	<u> </u>	\$435 32

EXPENDITURE.

Lucy M. Whiting	\$435 32
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . .	\$150 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts . .	29 15	
	<u> </u>	\$179 15

EXPENDITURES.

Charles S. Parker, type composing voting list,	\$79 15	
George O. Smith	25 00	
G. W. Sampson	25 00	
B. C. Whitchee	25 00	
L. A. Saville	25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$179 15

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS (MASONIC HALL).

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$90 00
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EXPENDITURES.

E. S. Locke, plumbing	\$67 92	
John McKay, carpentry	18 20	
T. L. Bruce, painting	3 88	
	<u> </u>	\$90 00

CARE OF COMMON.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$200 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Field and Garden Club	\$200 00
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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES.

E. S. Spaulding, balance of 1887 . . .	\$100 00	
E. S. Spaulding, on 1889 . . .	400 00	
	<u>500 00</u>	

TOWN CLERK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$200 00	
Amount expended . . .	\$183 32	
Balance unexpended . . .	16 68	
	<u>200 00</u>	

EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Saville . . .	\$183 32	
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SPRINKLING STREETS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$100 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

E. W. Glass . . .	\$100 00	
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer . . .	\$2,527 33	
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STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer . . .	\$3,260 00	
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TOWN DEBT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$2,600 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer . . .	\$2,600 00	
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CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

From Otis Wentworth . . .	\$100 00	
From Edwin Reed . . .	100 00	
	<u>200 00</u>	

CONCRETE WALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1889 . . .	\$500 00	
From estate of L. W. Wright . . .	9 81	
From C. C. Goodwin . . .	45 27	
From estate Henry Mulliken . . .	18 27	
	<u>573 35</u>	

RECAPITULATION.

CASH RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1889 . . .	\$379 33	
Schools . . .	421 87	
Support of poor . . .	814 30	
Contingent . . .	5,107 95	
State aid . . .	306 00	
Street lights . . .	2 10	
Constable and police . . .	24 00	
Interest . . .	206 33	
Temporary loan . . .	14,000 00	
Gammell legacy . . .	35 00	
Telephone . . .	51 68	
Cemetery . . .	190 00	
Dog tax . . .	594 46	
Cemetery Trust Funds . . .	200 00	
Concrete sidewalks . . .	73 35	
Taxes of 1887 . . .	250 13	
Taxes of 1888 . . .	8,129 57	
Taxes of 1889 . . .	32,100 00	
	<u>\$62,886 07</u>	

CASH EXPENDITURES.

Schools	\$11,221 31
Support of poor (house and farm)	2,194 52
Outside poor	740 24
Highways	7,715 00
Contingent	1,174 73
Fire Department	778 75
State aid	297 00
Street lights	1,830 00
Constables and police	1,860 50
Interest	1,835 42
Land damages	2,635 00
Water supply	63 77
Ringling bells	70 00
Fuel and lights for Town and Village Halls,	515 61
Hydrants	1,622 50
Celebration of the 19th of April	200 00
Memorial Day	121 20
Temporary loan	11,000 00
School Committee	250 00
Treasurer of Cary Library	50 00
Selectmen	800 00
Printing	232 30
Printing By-Laws	68 75
Gammell legacy	38 77
Telephone	155 00
Cemetery	166 02
Superintendent of Schools	350 00
Drainage survey	488 30
Cary Library, dog tax	594 46
Auditors	45 00
Librarian of Cary Library	781 75
Assessors	426 50
Improvement of cemetery	204 11
Janitors of Town and Village Halls	500 00
Industrial teaching	435 32

Amount carried forward \$51,461 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$51,461 83
Registrars of Voters	179 15
Masonic Hall	90 00
Care of Common	200 00
Treasurer and Collector	500 00
Town Clerk	183 32
Sprinkling streets	100 00
County tax	2,527 33
State tax	3,260 00
Town debt	2,600 00
Balance	1,784 44
	<hr/> \$62,886 07

GERSHOM SWAN, }
 HILMAN B. SAMPSON, } *Auditors.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 1, 1890.

REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF LEXINGTON,
FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.



BOSTON:
D. F. JONES & CO., PRINTERS, 31 EXCHANGE STREET.
1890.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1889.

The general condition of the public schools during the past year has been excellent, and the number of scholars somewhat larger than for the preceding year. The average membership for 1889 was 401; average attendance, 372; percentage of attendance, 92.9.

The superintendent and all the teachers of last year were reappointed for the present year. The town now employs a corps of able and experienced teachers, who are interested in their work and devoted to it.

The wisdom of having an efficient superintendent has long been apparent.

The experiment of providing instruction in sewing, as authorized by State law, has proved successful and, in our judgment, should be continued. A special appropriation will be needed for this object.

Owing to insufficient accommodations in the Hancock Schoolhouse for scholars of the primary grades, an additional room in the building of Mr. Horace B. Davis, on Main Street, was engaged, and in March, 1889, Miss Annie L. Reilly was appointed a teacher in charge of the new school.

Of thirty-seven applicants for admission to the High School last June, thirty-four were admitted. It is gratifying to note that the attendance at this school increased from forty in June to sixty in September last, and that this number has been maintained.

We wish to emphasize the fact that the methods employed in the schools are always open to the inspection and criticism of the citizens of Lexington, and it is, in our opinion, very desirable that parents should familiarize themselves with the daily routine of our schools by occasional visits to them.

The average number of visitors to each school recorded in 1889, exclusive of the superintendent and members of the committee, was only three in a month.

During the summer vacation needed repairs were made in some of the schoolhouses. The main room of the High School building was thoroughly renovated and painted, and the roofs of the wings were newly tinned. The north wall was made water-tight and a new storm porch placed on the north side. New furnaces have been provided for the Hancock and Adams schoolhouses, and minor repairs have been made in the district school buildings. During the present season \$450 will be required for further repairs.

The new primary school, rendered necessary by the overcrowding of the Hancock Schoolhouse, involves an extra annual expenditure of \$700. We therefore

ask the town to appropriate the same amount as last year, \$11,500, for the maintenance of the public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. BLISS,
BENJAMIN F. BROWN,
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,
School Committee.

LEXINGTON, MASS., Jan. 20, 1890.

ROLL OF HONOR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Neither absent nor tardy for one year.

Minnie P. Crowley, Mary H. Cowell, Paul Capron, and Carlton Shaw.

Neither absent nor tardy for one half year.

Grace M. Abbott, Mattie E. Childs, Alice P. Goodwin, Grace E. Goodwin, Alice M. Hunt, Mary D. Hunt, Bessie Muzzey, Grace Whiting, Louise M. Wooster, Seth P. Batchelder, Dennis Hinchey, G. Otis Jackson, Frederick T. Lord, Michael J. Manley, Chas. O'Hara, Loring E. Pierce; John O. Prescott, Walter R. Shattuck, H. Luther Sherman, Chas. H. Spaulding, Arthur D. Stone, Chas. C. Walcott.

Not absent for one half year.

Anna S. Brown, Edgar A. Willis.

HANCOCK GRAMMAR.

Miss Hall.

Neither absent nor tardy for the year.

Maud W. Robinson, Bertie A. Jackson.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term.

Sarah A. Brown, Alice P. Goodwin, Mary D. Hunt, William Hunt, Rose P. Morse, Helen E. Muzzey, Walter Shattuck, Curtis Cutler, Gertrude MacPhee, John M. Layne, Eddie C. Stone, May Harrington, Lizzie Reilly, Timothy Leary, William McCann, Hattie E. Fiske, Ellis Tower, William Ballard, Annie L. Muzzey, Herbert Richardson.

HANCOCK SUB-GRAMMAR.

Mrs. Lane.

Not absent for the year.

Norah Prescott, Walter Seaverns (tardy once).

Not absent first term.

Edward Robinson, Frank Todd (tardy once), Marian Woodward,
Lilla Vickery.

Not absent second term.

Arthur Sherman, Elden Griffin.

HANCOCK PRIMARY.

Miss Parker.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term.

Edna Dow, Junius Shattuck.

HANCOCK PRIMARY.

Miss Mulliken.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term.

Orton Robinson, Gladys Vickery.

Not absent for one term.

Henry Wentworth.

HANCOCK PRIMARY.

Miss Reilly.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term.

Orton Robinson, Peter Welsh, Charles Hamblin, Herbert Lawrence, Maggie Burris.

ADAMS GRAMMAR.

Not absent for one term.

Byron Russell, Wilson Blanchard, Francis J. Holland, C. Herbert Lowe, Carl Pratt, Agnes Brown, Rosa Keane, Eva Lowe, Mary L. McCollough.

ADAMS PRIMARY.

Not absent for one term.

Frank O. Le Cain, Alice G. Locke.

Not absent nor tardy for one term.

George W. Holland, Clifford W. Pierce.

TIDD SCHOOL.

Not absent for a year.

Michael McGann.

Not absent for one term.

Maud McLachlan, Helen McLachlan, Jennie Robinson, Sarah Kinneen, Constance Willard, Genevieve Manning, Lucy Manning, Willie Dacey, George Smith, George Holland, Frank Holland, Albion Larcom.

HOWARD SCHOOL.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term.

Ellen Crowley, Daniel Crowley.

Not absent.

Mary Donovan.

WARREN SCHOOL.

Not absent for the year.

Willie Mead, Harry Seaverns, May O'Brien, Rupert Wheaton, Barclay Wheaton, Everett Wheaton, Frank Maguire.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Neither absent nor tardy for the year.

Letitia Carroll, Joseph Carroll.

For one term.

Mary Carroll.

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.
High	{ Jas. N. Ham Helen A. Fiske }	60	48.7	47.1	96.7
Hancock Grammar	Hattie D. Hall	73	43.7	42.3	96.5
Hancock Sub-Grammar	Ellen B. Lane	33	29.3	27.7	94.2
Hancock Primary	{ Nellie H. Parker Amelia M. Mulliken Annie L. Reilly }	42 38 55	22.3 26.3 29.4	21.6 23.9 26.8	96.8 90.8 90.7
Adams Grammar	Nelly L. Saunders	58	46.	42.	91.3
Adams Primary	Carrie F. Fiske	59	35.4	31.	87.6
Tidd	Emma E. Wright	56	39.	37.	94.7
Franklin	Annie F. Comey	28	22.	17.7	81.
Howard	Maria A. Butterfield	36	26.5	23.6	89.
Warren	Dora M. Morrell	88	32.6	31.4	96.5

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Lexington:

GENTLEMEN,— It becomes my duty to submit the following, as the report of the Superintendent of Schools:—

THE NEW EDUCATION.

Education may be studied both as a science and as an art. The science deals with principles, the art with methods. I will briefly undertake to set forth what is termed the "new education" as an art, stating at the same time the principle upon which the art is based.

Under the methods of teaching as practised, or sought after, in our schools, the results are less palpable and measurable than those of the old system. The "new education" is new, for the most part, in the breadth of its development and the hearty reception accorded it by the public. It has been employed by individual teachers for centuries. Its universal recognition and acceptance have been retarded by causes due to the nature of the system, namely, the results are not so apparent as those evoked by the recitation system. In that, the results were immediate and tangible. When the text-book was the chief source of inspiration, and all lessons were carefully

assigned from it, and consisted of pages to be conned, or columns to be spelled, or exercises to be wrought out, the tests of progress were simple and easily made. The regular recitation showed the work performed, and the annual questioning by the school committee determined the net proceeds. As the pupil passed from a smaller to a larger book, he was sure, and his parents were certain that nothing was lacking in substantial progress.

The "new education" purposes the equipment of the pupil with as much useful knowledge as the old method; it endeavors also to do more, — to develop powers. Its aim is culture in the highest and broadest sense. The verification of this purpose cannot be made during school-life, nor at its close. The future alone will disclose its best fruitage.

ARITHMETIC.

To illustrate the difference between the two systems, a general outline of the method pursued in teaching arithmetic may be given. It should first be explained that the "new education" requires that the idea should precede its representative object or sign; that is, the meaning of a word should be understood by the child before he is expected to learn its sign, the written or printed word. He is taught the idea of the number two before the figure 2 is written as the sign of that number.

Arithmetic consumes less time in school than formerly. A portion of this time is saved by omitting some subjects which are very rarely needed in mercantile transactions. When demanded, they may be

easily mastered by the enterprising and industrious student. Practical problems are used for drill, thus saving time once expended on intricate exercises.

In the lowest grades, the numbers are taught by studying each number by itself, as a whole, and as made up of parts. All the combinations with reference to it are mastered before passing to the next number. By this method a solid foundation is laid for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In fact, all these operations are carried along together.

The entire work is largely objective. The child begins with numbers of objects. Blocks, splints, pebbles, beans, etc., are in constant use. As soon as the idea of number is formed, the figure is taught as a sign of the number, just as the word is taught as the sign of an idea. Decimals are taught by grouping blocks or splints in tens, hundreds, etc. Operations upon numbers are actually learned by combining and separating and comparing several objects. Fractions are learned by separating numbers of objects and afterwards single objects into parts.

Commercial arithmetic is taught by using actual business papers, and the work in interest and bank discount is based upon such papers. Pupils are required to draw up correct business forms, such as checks, drafts, promissory notes, etc., and to show how they are used and transferred in business transactions.

It will be perceived that this method introduces the parts of the subject, in its elements, at an early date, and the topics are gradually unfolded in the child's mind.

The subject of fractions, which used to be left till the pupil had been in school several years, is now taught during the very first years at school, and the children work with whole numbers and fractions while lessons are being given.

The ideas of pint and quart, of inch and foot, etc., are taught as soon as the child has learned a few of the smaller numbers, so that they add these measures as readily as they combine one splint and two splints.

The mathematical imagination of the pupil may be cultivated by representing the problem graphically, as far as practicable, by drawing or diagram, and turn what would be abstract and vague into visible reality. Such a practice relieves the monotony and mechanical nature of the work.

The method thus set forth abolishes the learning of rules by rote. The pupil is encouraged and even required to explain his operations in his own words. This requirement greatly assists in the attainment of fluency and precision of statement. It also stimulates to intelligent work, instead of a blind and unthinking adhesion to rules not comprehended.

It will be seen that the principle, everywhere obvious in this "new education," seeks the subordination of rules as such to the ideas contained in them. A general awakening and broadening of the mathematical faculty, as well as special skill, is aimed at. When pupils leave our grammar schools, not particular individuals, blessed with excellent mental gifts, but all bear away quite as much arithmetic as they will need in the transaction of business affairs.

SPELLING.

It may be of interest to note how the same principle applies to spelling.

Spelling is acquired chiefly by writing. Merely naming the letters of a word in their order is not thought to lead to correct spelling, consequently, regular oral exercises in this study are not practised.

The spelling of a word succeeds the idea conveyed in that word. Children should not be required nor expected to spell words whose meaning and use they do not understand; otherwise, the work becomes meaningless and irksome.

As soon as the pupil learns the words put on the blackboard, he is furnished with slate and pencil and begins to write the sentences he reads. Every day this practice goes on, the words being selected from the reading lesson. As may be inferred, most of the writing is in sentences, so that two purposes are subserved, though spelling is subordinated to the important art of correct expression. Spellers may be used in the higher grammar grades, to further the acquisition of a more extensive vocabulary. Small dictionaries should also be freely used by these grades, to assist the pupil in mastering an exact and definite knowledge of the meaning of words.

Were it desirable, the methods adopted in other branches might be set forth. The methods already outlined indicate, though somewhat imperfectly, the nature of the methods in use with us, or such as experienced and able educators believe may be most

wisely employed. When a visitor hears a pupil glibly and with evident complacency recite with surprising exactness the words of the text-book, something must be wrong in that school. On the contrary, wherever one perceives the pupils are thoughtfully and seriously questioning, in their search after reasons and principles, meagre results can scarcely follow.

To secure much that is best, the teaching should be chiefly topical. The topical plan, however, must be used to systematize and harmonize, else it may end in the accumulation of a great amount of ill-assorted odds and ends of information of little practical value. Only careful study and preparation on the part of the teacher can accomplish satisfactory results. The more completely schools are graded, the more valuable become the effects of the new system, or, in fact, any system of education.

WRITING.

The attention paid to writing has been dwelt upon in previous reports. The greatest improvement in this branch is observable in the primary grades. The reason is evident. It is usually less difficult to teach beginners than to reform long-settled bad habits of penmanship. Besides, children of the lowest grades are not repelled by the long and careful drill necessary to secure neat and well-formed letters, as the pupils of more advanced grades are. Miss Mulliken's school, comprising but one grade, and, therefore, furnishing a better opportunity for all the work of that grade, is illustrating the good effects of persistently pursuing a carefully studied method. In no other

department of school work is the value of method more strikingly exemplified than in writing. As has been urged before, however, there is still too great a tendency to remit sufficient drill in the rudiments of this branch of education.

READING.

Reading continues to be carried forward on the principle and method outlined in a previous report. The schools exhibit various degrees of excellence in reading, as may be expected, since the time possible to be given to the subject by the different teachers is not the same. There has been no backward movement anywhere. A readier grasp of the meaning of sentences and much more intelligent expression are noticeable; add to this the fact that a good reader is enabled more quickly than a poor one to grasp the meaning of all ideas whose explanation he seeks in books. Teachers err in setting the members of a class to watch for small mistakes in pronunciation or in the substitution of a word for the one in the book, when the attention of the pupil should be turned upon the ideas and their proper expression. A pupil may pronounce every word in a paragraph faultlessly, and be almost utterly ignorant of the subject-matter.

LANGUAGE.

Training in language to the end that pupils may clothe their thoughts in correct and appropriate English is receiving all the care that can justly be bestowed upon it.

The pupils are acquiring the habit of talking and

writing on the subjects of study at school with as much ease and fluency as they talk or write about their interests outside of the school-room. It is not to be inferred that we are attempting to make every boy and girl an orator or author. The endeavor is, as stated, to train pupils to fluency and exactness of language in the oral or written expression of their ideas. It may be affirmed that the results thus far achieved testify that creditable effort has been put forth in this direction.

As has been remarked elsewhere, the fruitage of all this training does not display itself immediately. The principle of the method becomes wrought into the mental habits of the child and leads to far higher attainments than the recitation method, pure and simple, as of old, could produce.

OTHER WORK.

The topical method of recitation is practised in the study of history and geography, and the work being done will be found satisfactory in many particulars. If anywhere adverse criticism may justly have place, it will certainly appear that the study has not been marked out and directed with so much discrimination as the topical method demands it should be. This method, in the case of these two subjects, cannot be insisted on too strenuously. Space will not permit even a brief sketch of such a course as has been recommended. While the work accomplished in each study may vary slightly from that of last year, still there has been no retrogression as a whole. Decided progress is apparent in particular instances,

and the sum total will, it is believed, in your judgment, leave a gratifying balance on the side of the teachers, on whom devolve responsibilities so exacting and pressing.

TARDINESS AND ABSENCE.

Heretofore attention has been directed to the importance to all concerned of constant attendance on school duties. Some absences are, from the nature of things, unavoidable. Even then absence is a great evil, considered with reference to school work.

Mr. Dickinson, Secretary of the State Board of Education, says: "It is very important that the children shall be prompt and constant in their attendance. Irregularity in this will naturally result in the formation of bad habits. As the work of the school is progressive, if a pupil by his tardiness or absence loses a part, he will lose not only that part but, in some measure, that which follows also. Children who find themselves behind their classmates frequently become discouraged and confused in their work, by attempting to do that for which they have not sufficient preparation.

"If the teacher spends time in assisting the irregular attendant to recover what he has lost, or delays the class that all may go on together, the school receives an injury. For these reasons, every faithful teacher reduces the tardiness and absence in his school to the least possible amount.

"In enforcing the rules relating to attendance, the teacher should first ascertain the cause of the failure to obey them. If the absence is due to the voluntary

and persistent acts of the child, the school authorities should apply the remedies directly to him; if it is due to the requirements of parents or guardians, they are to be made responsible. Should the cause of absence be a providential one, over which neither the parent nor the child has any control, they should suffer no other loss than that which is inseparably connected with the absence itself. Sickness of the pupil or of the family may make absence excusable. In such instances the school authorities should not treat a failure in attendance as a violation of their rules. But voluntary and inexcusable absence or tardiness of those required by law to be in school should be considered a serious offence against the good order of the school, the vital interests of the child, and the well-being of the Commonwealth.

"Rules have been decided to be reasonable that forbid a child to be absent for work, or pleasure, or for avoiding some school exercise not in harmony with his ideas of what is agreeable, or because he chooses to be absent. A persistent violation of these rules has sometimes been punished with expulsion from school, and the courts, by their decisions of cases brought before them, have affirmed the propriety of the rules and the methods employed to prevent their violation."

EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOLS.

Each year additions are made to the needful appliances of the various schools, in the way of maps, books of reference, supplementary reading, etc., so that the means for a more comprehensive view of the dif-

ferent subjects is opened to all our pupils. Nothing is more fatal to scholarship and liberal views and sentiments than for a pupil to quit school with the impression that all knowledge of the subjects he has studied is comprised within the covers of the books he has used. When he has become impressed with the fact that every avenue of learning is practically endless, his future progress, if he is zealous and painstaking, will prove commendable.

CONCLUSION.

When it is considered that, with the exception of one class, primary grade, the schools of Lexington are not so graded as to yield the most satisfactory outcome of the care and labor expended on them, still it is gratifying to note that they compare favorably with schools in those communities which maintain a carefully graded system. It is to be hoped that the attainment of properly graded schools will soon be deemed desirable and feasible for this town. It must, moreover, be remembered that the most efficient system of schools is the product of years of thoughtful care and labor.

In closing, it affords me great pleasure to express my obligations to teachers and to the members of the committee for their sympathy and cordial support in our common work.

Respectfully submitted,

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